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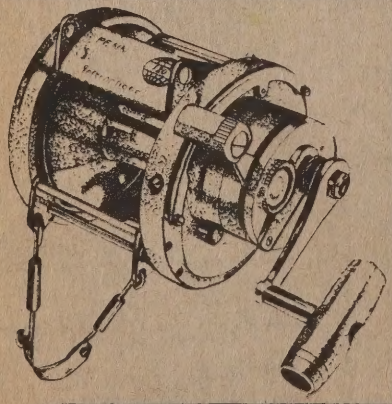

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Fisherman managing editor, Bill Muller, unhooks a big striper taken from the quiet backwaters of a south shore inlet. The cow was released moments later.

This week's issue is dedicated entirely to catching fish in the suds and comes just in time to get you prepared for the "fall run."

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One of the very brightest spots on the fishing calendar the last few years has been the abundant and cooperative bluefish along south shore beaches. True, surf fishing is perhaps the most difficult fishing method, but the last two or three years, the big teen-sized blues have been so willing that everyone, regardless of age, sex, or physical conditioning has been able to participate and enjoy this HOT fishing.

We encountered, for example, two young men visiting friends on Long Island. The two fellas were from Michigan. We started fishing next to each other in the mid-afternoon, before the blues began to work into the surf. Their equipment was modest to say the least, but their enthusiasm was high indeed. They told me how much they enjoyed fishing the coves, bays, and dropoffs in the many lakes of Michigan. They rattled off some of the fish they catch regularly and it was obvious they were trying to be nonchalant about their entry into saltwater angling. I said nothing of what they might catch. The weather, the tide, and the recent consistency of the fish were perfectly matched to tell the story. It was three o'clock and I figured by four o'clock, they'd have their answer. Sure enough, the fish were on schedule and although I was busy with my own teen blues, I did take a look over at these fellas to see their bootless legs soaked up to the crotch, the small rods bent over to their knees, and big smiles on their faces. At one point an extremely large blue forced one of the young men to walk with the fish in front of me. He said, "This is fantastic! I may never go back to Michigan!"

Certainly, the fall surf run of blues is worth raving about. Most of the action occurs in the day, the weather is still reasonably mild, the fish thick as fleas on a dog, and the access easy. That's right, the access is easy! It doesn't really matter where you fish, and since the State Parks offer easy access to the beach, pick one and go fishing!

With this quality fishing available, it occurred to us that we could structure a tournament that wouldn't require a big expensive boat, would not necessarily favor men over women and children, the wealthy over the not-so-wealthy, and a tournament that would be terrific fun. Why not?

We contacted the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission (LISPRC). They were keenly interested. We contacted Stren and they were high on the idea, and we also called upon Genesee Brewing Company. Everybody was enthusiastic and volunteered to sponsor the project.

So now's your chance. The planning, the legwork, and logistics have been worked out and the tournament is ready to go. ***When?*** October 20th and 21st. ***Where?*** State Park beaches.

You can win some money, too. That's right. The biggest blue gets you $500; the second biggest $200, and the third biggest $100. In addition, there will be prizes for some of the other big fish, giveaways and free refreshments at Captree during the official weigh-in ceremonies. Genesee will have a truck at Captree and will serve free beer to those with an entry card. Free soft drinks will also be available in the pavilion for those who enter and are underage or prefer soda over beer.

What happens if there's any money leftover after the $5 entry fees pay for prizes and expenses? Well, we hope there will be money leftover and there will be if Long Island fishermen turn out in the numbers we think they will. The Long Island Fisherman has established a special account for the express purpose of accumulating funds to purchase a 4-wheel drive vehicle for the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. If you've read LIF for awhile, you know that the State budget has been so tightly pulled in so many directions that sometimes the LISPRC doesn't get an allocation large enough to pursue certain avenues it would otherwise like to. We've been lobbying in Albany to get a larger allocation for the LISPRC and there is some evidence to suggest that last year fishermen had a bit of success. However, it is our strong feeling that we can do more for the Commission and our support (all saltwater fishermen on Long Island) will assist the LISPRC to encourage and supervise some activities it may otherwise be hard-pressed to cover.

Make your plans to join the hundreds of others on October 20th and 21st for the fun and excitement. See the accompanying ad for more details and information.

A number of contributing writers to LIF will be there along with Fred Golofaro and myself. I'll look for you!

William A. Muller

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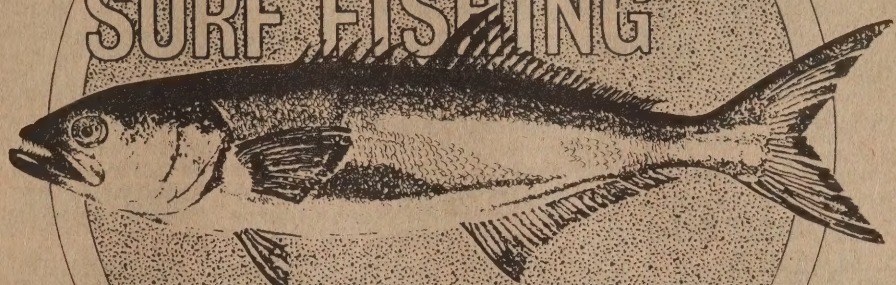

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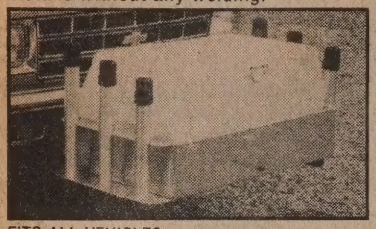

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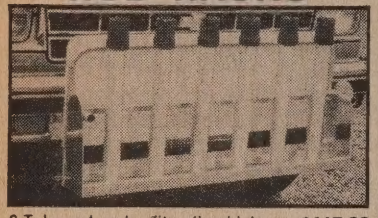

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STATE PARKS FISHING PERMIT SCHEDULE FOR FALL 1984

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Applicants MUST present vehicle registration and the correct permit fee (payable to: Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission) in order to receive permit. The permits will be valid for the vehicle bearing license plate number indicated on permit ONLY and are non-transferable (to another person or vehicle). All permits will expire on December 31, 1984 regardless of the date issued. Permits will be issued to bona fide sport fishermen ONLY: permit holders may be required to show fishing equipment (rods, reels, bait and/or lure, etc.) at park upon request. There will be no refunds for lost and/or revoked permits.

1984 Fishing Permits WILL NOT be issued to any indvidual whose 1983 Sport Fishing, Beach Vehicle and/or Caumsett Fishing Permit was revoked. These persons will not be eligible for Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission fishing permits in 1984.

Following are specific instructions and regulations for each of the permits:

Sport Fishing Permit: Valid April 1 to December 31, 1984 for after-sunset parking for the purpose of night fishing ONLY at Captree, Hither Hills, Jones Beach, Montauk Point, Robert Moses, Sunken Meadow and Wildwood State Parks. These permits, for which there is a $5 annual fee, may be obtained (in person only) at the parks listed above and at the Permit Office, Long Island State Park and Recreation Administration Headquarters, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon (Belmont Ave. at Southern State Pkwy., exit 37N), from September 4 to December 31, 1984 (7-day permits for new residents, vacationers, etc., at a fee of $5, may be purchased during this period at the Permit Office and at Hither Hills State Park ONLY).

Additional regulations for Sport Fishing Permits are:

Jones Beach—Night parking limited to Parking Field #6, #10 and West End #2.

Robert Moses—Night parking limited to parking Field #2. (During *Winter Only—permit also valid for sunrise to sunset parking at Field #4).

Hither Hills—Permit NOT valid for night parking during July and August.

Sunken Meadow—Night parking limited to Parking Field #1. (During *WINTER ONLY—permit also valid for Parking Field #).

*WINTER—Sept. 15 to Dec. 31.

Beach Vehicle Permit: Allows access to designated beach areas at Robert Moses (Democrat Point), Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk Point State Parks. These permits, for which there is a $25 annual fee, may be purchased (in person only) at Robert Moses and Hither Hills State Parks from September 4 to December 31, 1984.

Additional regulations for Beach Vehicle Permits are:

All vehicles must be equipped with fishing equipment, a shovel, rope (or tow chain) and sanitary facilities.

Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk Point—permit valid 24 hours daily, year-round.

Robert Moses (Democrat Point)—permit valid 24 hours daily from 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4 through December 31, 1984.

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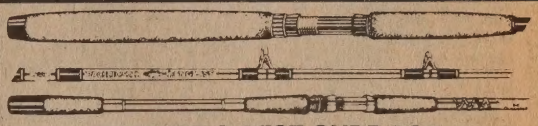

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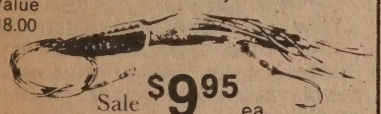

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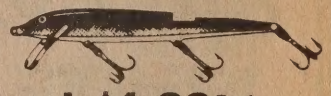

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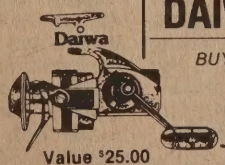

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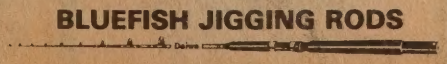

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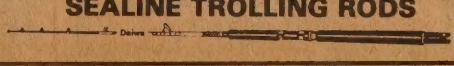

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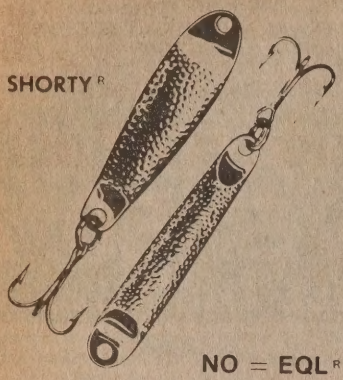

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binoculars are $133 and $147 respectively, including carrying case and neck strap. The new models join a complete assortment of high quality binoculars and sports optics by Pentax, a company with over 60 years experience in optical design and manufacturing.

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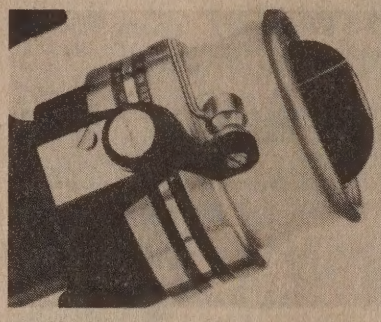
IF you fish in saltwater, there's good news. Trilene is now offering a new economy size 1000 yard spool designed to meet the needs of serious fishermen. It's intermediate in size between their bulk spool (3000 yards) and their filler spool (275 yards).

It's priced to save you big bucks, and is 30 percent less costly per yard than filler size spools. If you fish with several rod combos, or if you need to fill a big saltwater reel, it's just the right size.



PENN INTRODUCES MANUAL PICKUP

Otto Henze founded Penn Reels with the motto, "Make it simple, make it work." And that's the idea behind the new manual pickup conversion kit for Penn's large skirted spool spinning reels.

The kit, available from most Penn retailers, replaces the standard bail wire and line roller assembly on Penn's skirted spool 850SS, 750SS, 650SS and the newer 757 and 747 spinning reels.

The two-piece kit, known as part No. 69-750, includes a new 3/4" pickup finger and a counterbalance. It installs in just a few minutes and allows the angler to easily re-install the standard automatic pickup system, should he so desire.

Advantages of a manual pickup system are all based on its simplicity. With fewer moving parts, there is less to go wrong.

There's no need to worry about a broken bail spring or bent bail wire. Neither are needed for a manual pickup system. This is especially desirable for anglers who fish in remote waters.

Fishermen have the option of fishing the manual pickup system in a couple of ways. First, they can use it as a true manual pickup, using the index finger to slip the line out from under the roller for casting—then manually putting the line back onto the roller after casting.

In addition, anglers can use the system just as they would an automatic bail system, flipping the bail arm down to clear the line, then tripping it back into place with a turn of the reel handle—or tripping it manually.

Of course, getting used to the manual pickup system takes a little practice, because the fisherman must now work harder while casting. That's why Penn offers this manual conversion kit only as an accessory. Most anglers are perfectly happy with the smooth performing, automatic, full-bail assembly on Penn's skirted spool spinning reels.

Yet for those anglers who fish far from a tackle shop or for the individualist who simply prefers the near foolproof operation of a manual pickup, Penn's new conversion kit is the greatest thing since cut bait!

For more information on the new manual pickup kit or other Penn products, write: Penn Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co., 3028 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Dept. P, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

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The fiberglass "Hatteras Series" offers four 2-piece models. A 9 ft., medium action, spinning for 1 oz. to 3½ oz. weights, a 11½ ft., medium light spinning for 4 to 8 ounces and 11 ft., medium in spinning and casting for 6 to 12 ounces.

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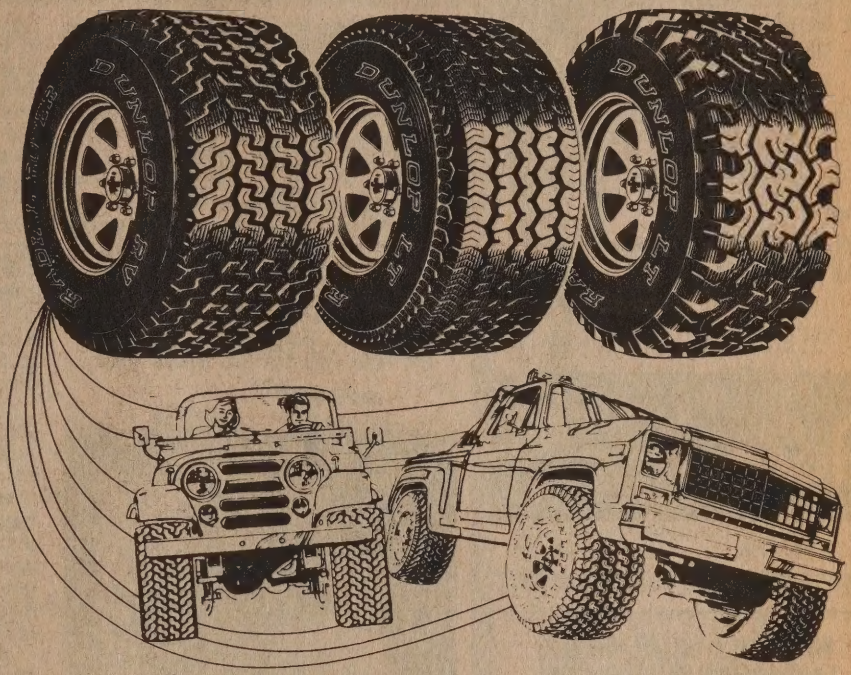

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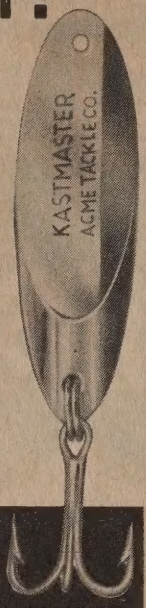

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DU PONT "STREN" INTRODUCES 3 SEASONAL CONSUMER PROMOTIONS

The DuPont Company introduced three consumer promotions for dealers of top-selling "Stren" fishing line at the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association Annual Meeting here, July 26 to 30.

Designed to help retailers mov more product in late 1984 and early 1985, the three promotions include the "Holiday Season Special," the "Season Opener Special" and the "Vacation Special." Each promotion offers consumers a free, useful fishing accessory in return for a proof-of-purchase of "Stren" premium monofilament nylon line.

"We're really pleased to be offering these fun promotions to our dealers and to the fishing public at large," said Bill Powell, national sales manager for DuPont "Stren." Fishermen always ask us how they can get a 'Stren' hat or towel and now the answer's easy: 'Buy our line and we'll send you one free'. We think our dealers will get an excellent response."

As part of the "Holiday Season Special" from Nov. 23 through Dec. 24, DuPont is offering consumers a handsome winter fishing hat in return for the receipt from the purchase of one, 250 yard spool of "Stren" in any of the three colors: Clear/Blue Fluorescent, Golden Fluorescent and Clear or new "Stren" Class Line. The "Stren" winter fishing hat is bright "Stren" yellow for easy recognition by hunters and other fishermen and is knit in double-thick acrylic for extra warmth. The skiing-style hat with black pom-pom is a $5 retail value.

For the "Season Opener Special," running Feb. 21 through March 16, 1985, DuPont offer fishermen a handy fishing towel to kick off the new season. This big (11 inch by 17 inch) bright yellow towel sports the "Stren" log and is made from thick double-loop terry cloth and fitted with a metal grommet and clip for easy attachment to a belt or other object. With a retail value of approximately $4, the practical fishing towel is free with a proof-of-purchase from a 250 yard reel-fill pak of new aqua fluorescent Stren Class Line, the class monofilament engineered to break as close as possible to IGFA specifications for world records.

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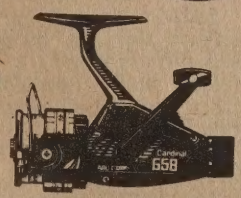

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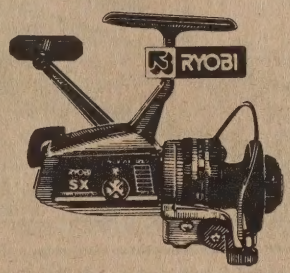

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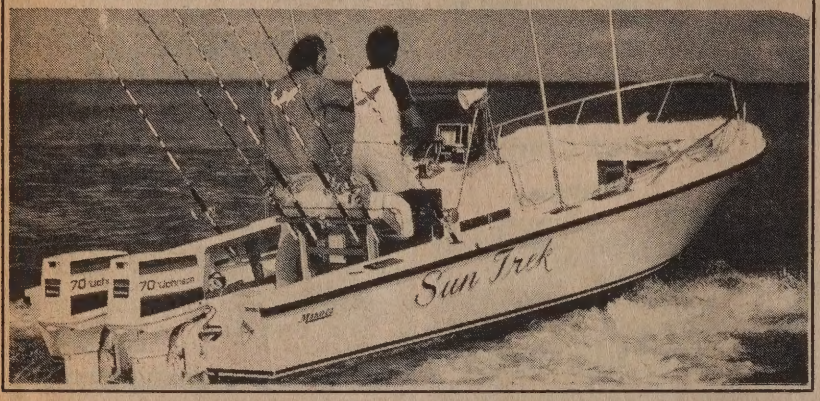

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The Six Shooters are available in three sizes to meet all big-water needs. The Ultra Mag XL IV can handle 250 yards of 20 pound test line, while the XL V holds 350 yards and the XL VI carries 450 yards of the

same test monofilament.

The drag system has been designed to be extra heat-resistant for the toughest assignments. The reel has a click-on line-out alarm, and all components are totally corrosion free.

ABU-Garcia has beefed up all the working parts to make the Six Shooters nearly indestructible, which is why they qualify for Garcia's exclusive lifetime guarantee.

The new Ambassadeurs will match perfectly with the new Five Star graphite boat rods, which come in six sizes ranging from 6 feet to 7 feet, 1 inch. There are nine Five Star spinning rods, including a new 13 foot heavy action. In addition, Garcia has added graphite to the rods for extra backbone and performance.

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These new rods are being offered in three, one-piece spinning models, three two-piece spinning numbers, a surf rod that will cast big plugs and baits with ease and is powerful enough to handle all the larger surf species, and a 6' 3" wireline and jig stik that is equally at home for conventional trolling and a variety of bottom fishing situations. It features a roller tiptop and carboloy guides for wire line applications.

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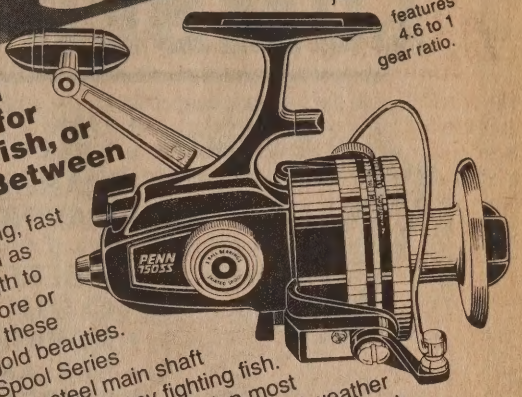

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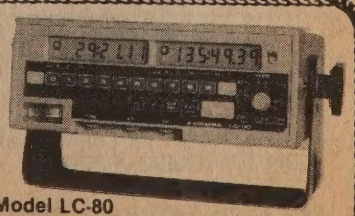

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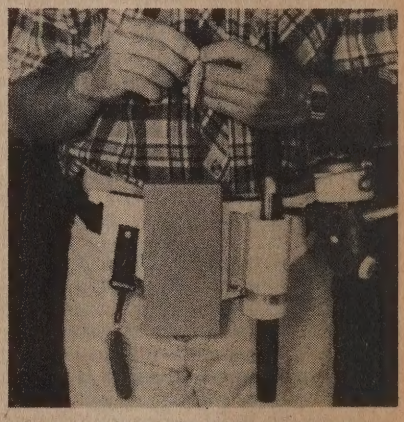

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Nelson urges consumers to consult size charts provided by manufacturers. "Make sure you measurements are within the size chart. If not, order a custom wader."

He also warns consumers not to confuse "long" and "short" styles with customs. "There is no comparison. If inseam is the only measurement that doesn't fit a standard size, then you need a short or long. If other measurements are out of proportion, you need a custom-fit style."

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PART FOUR — THE BACK

by Carl Buxbaum

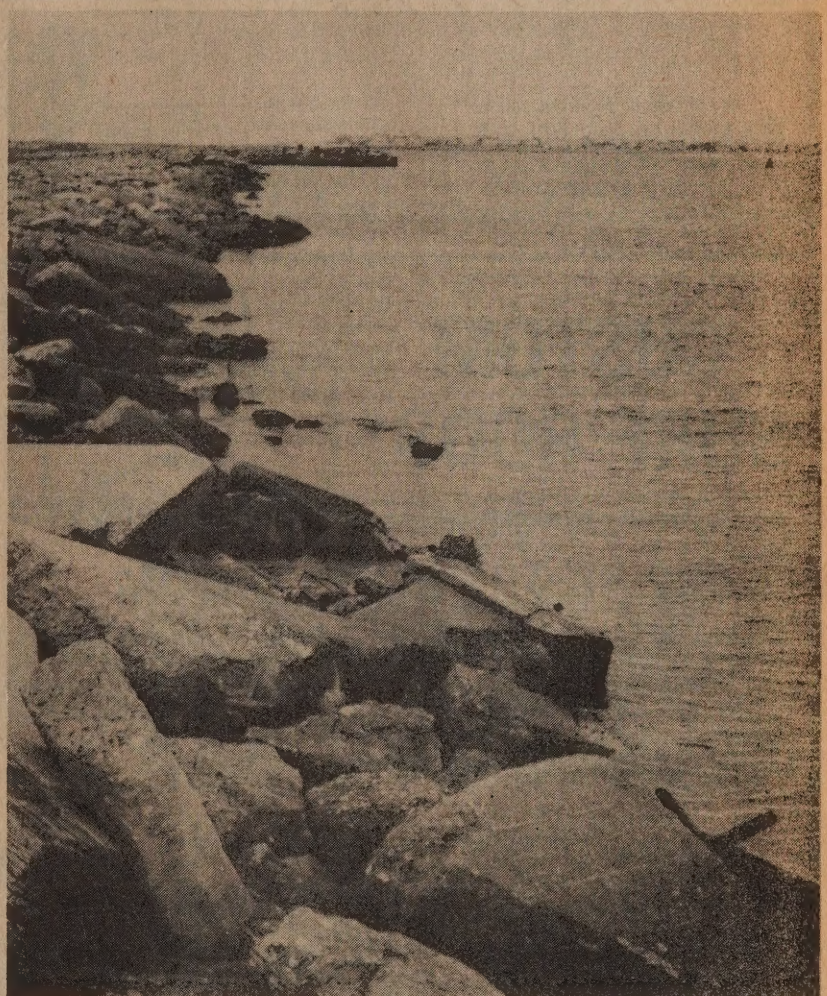
The last in a four part series covering this popular and productive South Shore surf spot.

The end was near. When my wife reminds me of family obligations for the Thanksgiving weekend, I know the surf season is rapidly closing. Desperation sets in. One more memorable fight with a big striper will soothe me through the dreary months of winter. I need it, and this is serious business. No more fooling around. "No, boys, you can't come with me tonight," I tell my protesting sons. "I'm gonna be out all night, and you guys have school tomorrow."

A phone call from a friend alerted me to the presence of huge schools of bunker being decimated right in the Short Beach Boat Basin the night before. I left home loaded for bear—or should I say, cows. Into the buggy went the plug bag. But this time it held only a couple of the five inch minnow Clones, stuffed in the same compartment. The rest of it bulged with the 7 inch versions, 3 ounce bottle plugs, a couple of darters, big Danny plugs, Atom Jrs., and an old, humongous Goo Goo Eyes—probably better for trolling than casting. A couple of weighted treble hooks were thrown in. There might be a chance to snag some bunker for live-lining. The bag weighed a ton. Just in case the fish were fussy and wanted smaller baits, I took along some feather droppers tied on 5/0 stainless beak hooks. I made them somewhat bulkier and longer than the Red Gill droppers the schoolies in the inlet seemed to love. I already had more than my share of schoolies, weakfish and choppers for the season. The freezer was full and included the steaks from a couple of impressive stripers. That night I would be impressed only by a fish over 40 pounds. Although great to tangle with, anything less would be released. Anything bigger would go to the taxidermist.

I was so bundled up against the cold that as a long gaff was dropped into the truck, I realized it would be hard to move with all that gear. So, one of my shorter, lightweight surf sticks was selected. It's only eight feet long, but built from a boat rod blank with enough backbone to throw heavy baits and fight big fish.

The tide was about to flood, and I hustled north from the parking field's eastern end, crossed the road, and skirted the fence on the left boundary of the Coast Guard Station, emerging on the patch of sandy beach right behind the Station, just in time to try those big metal-lipped swimmers in slack, deep water. Moving a short distance east to where an old wooden-hulled wreck sits aground at the edge of the boat basin, I detected no signs of bunker. So, rather than walking around to the sand beach on the other side of the pilings, the first cast was launched where I stood.



The rip-rap that runs along most of the back beach. Note the old construction dock jutting out into the water near top of photo.

Over the years this spot has been productive as the tide begins to recede and washes forage out of the boat basin's protective cove. Mussel beds and well-rooted vegetation serve to attract fish to this location as well. In addition, there seems to be a deep hole in the channel that can be reached on a good cast. But that night there were no fish, no bunker. The lights of a couple of boats drifting

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downtide were visible on the other side of the channel. Maybe they found fish. With high hopes, it was hard to abandon the area. Wading deeper and moving back and forth along the sand beach between the wreck and the rip-rap and debris, deposited by the Army Corps of Engineers to control erosion, I tried every plug in the bag. Finally, after stumbling on that submerged pipe (for what seemed like the 20th time over the past few years), I considered myself lucky to regain my balance, reclaimed the long gaff from its hiding place on the beach, and moved west.

The shore is lined with rocks and an assortment of debris, from the Coast Guard Station nearly all the way to the bend where the channel turns seaward. There are a number of good spots from which to cast here, but footing can be treacherous. It is best to locate good casting perches by scouting the area before dark. During the day, a fair number of blackfish are taken from among the rocks. Some fellows have done well with both weakfish and bass, in daylight, by live-lining the smaller blackfish that other anglers were prepared to throw back. Small flounder and snappers also do the trick—when available. In any event, the reason for toting the long gaff is to improve the chances of beaching a sizeable fish along this section of shoreline.

As the tide picked up speed, I gradually progressed to plugs with gentler action, while repeatedly walking a few yards and trying a few casts as I moved west. By the time the water would be flowing at full tilt, I'd be casting darters.

But too much of the tide was already wasted. The only tap felt on the line turned out to be a plastic sandwich bag. Quick reflexes really pay off, though. The hooks were well set. The barbs penetrated right through. The bag never had a chance to throw the plug. Silhouetted against the glowing lights of Point Lookout and Lido Beach, another fisherman could be seen on the old construction dock. It's a rickety structure—chockful of holes, rusted spikes, and rotted wood. Beaten by time, tides, storms, and the weight of casters—it's easy to fall through when caution is forgotten. Gravel and construction debris have recently been dumped onto the dock in order to maintain the basic contour of the shoreline. Footing remains hazardous, however, and a thorough daytime inspection should precede any effort to fish there in darkness. Nonetheless, it's a favorite location when the tide is running to the left, at a good clip. "Hurry," I told myself. Skip the other spots, and get there in time to cast a RedFin straight out from the westward end of the dock, so it can swing into the swirling waters that form in its downtide shadow. Just let the plug hang there, wobbling in the current, before starting that ever-so-slow retrieve.

Arriving at the dock a bit breathless from the weight of the gear and

protective clothing—bulky enough to look like an astronaut on a moon-walk—my heart sank. Two stripers were neatly laid out behind the other angler. One of them was **my** 40 pounder. Actually, it looked even bigger; but someone else's fish usually does. My strategy had been wrong; not just the wrong spot either. This guy was fishing live eels, the way they do at the Cape. The eel was hooked through the lips and out the eye. Ahead of it, somewhere between 18 and 24 inches, was a black feather dropper, and he was working the rig as if he were plugging—casting and slowly retrieving. "Just get these?" I asked. "Nope, not even a bump for a couple of hours," came the answer. Well, both fish were dead and sort of dry to the touch. He probably was telling the truth. It just proves that there's still plenty to learn, even after years of patrolling the same area. The guy in the "right spot" at the "right time," gets nothing. But the guy in a great spot at the "wrong time," connects. Maybe fish are too dumb to follow the rules we set for them.

After watching for awhile and talking with my happy new acquaintance, I moved on down to where the rip-rap ends and tried a few casts with a darter. The bass may have followed bait downtide. No luck. The eastern sky was turning gray with the approaching dawn, and the tide was about to bottom out. Another caster was waist deep in the water, on the sandy spit extending from the bend to the inlet. He had no fish either. Time to go home, grab a couple of hours of sleep, and shower before work. Northeast winds were picking up, and the storm forecasts I heard at dinner-time began to look accurate. Maybe the season **was** over.

One discouraging story should not detract from the fact that this area offers fine fishing. The strategy that failed worked both before and after the night described. Late last season a few anglers got in some fantastic action with cow stripers. It lasted about two weeks. Earlier in the season, say from the first week of September through mid-October, this is a fine place for the light tackle enthusiast. Weaks, bass and blues can be very obliging—especially near the Coast Guard Station and the boat basin.

If there is anything wrong with West End, it is that it offers too many choices. A caster arriving in the parking field must choose which area to fish, or at least where to start the outing. Plugs or bait? Day or night? There's a lot of walking involved, since vehicles are not permitted on the beach. In addition, a Long Island State Park Commission night fishing permit must be obtained, in advance, in order to gain access to the parking field after sunset. But a true beach rat, in good condition, may enjoy this walking. I end the season rather ritualistically at West End, each year. It's my way of saying goodbye. A fish has never been taken during the ritual for the simple reason that if one is, the season isn't over. I'm back the next night. This ritual begins at high tide, next to the wreck at the boat basin. I follow the falling tide, walking and casting, around to the inlet. As the tide bottoms out and begins to rise, I climb over the jetty and work the pocket for awhile. This part of the ritual a caster, determined to end the season fishless, may want to skip. From that point on, the bar along the ocean beach is worked with a big bottle plug; all the way back to the parking field.

Such an end season plan requires a tackle compromise in order to have an outfit effective in each of the four zones discussed. I find a 10 foot Lamiglass blank suitable. Two spools of line are carried: one with 15 pound and the other with 20 pound line. The 20 pound line goes on when casting anything weighing three or more ounces. The 15 pound spool handles RedFins and even 2½ ounce darters fairly well without breakoffs. So, if the ritual appeals to your tastes, even early in the season, this is a good compromise outfit. But early on, you'll be casting mainly five inch swimmers and might want to use 12 pound line in place of the 15.

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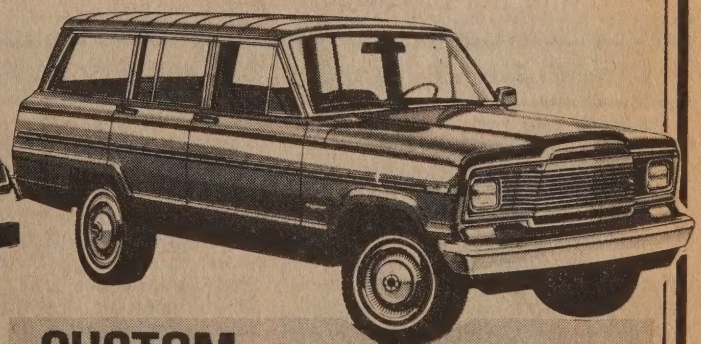

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TOP TEN SURF TIPS

by Fred Golofaro

Here are ten tips that are sure to improve your prowess in the suds.

Number One: When fishing "tins" off of a sand beach, the most effective presentation most days is to allow the lure to sink to the bottom before retrieving. Your retrieve should be slow with occasional gentle lifts of the rod tip. Bass and weakfish can often be taken from under surface feeding blues and when only bluefish are present, the larger fish can often be culled by a bottom dragging tin.

Number Two: In the case of popping plugs, slow is also better in most cases. A slow retrieve with rythmic "pops" is far more effective than a plug skipped along the surface at high speed. And here again, when bass and blues are mixed, a striper is far more likely to inhale your slower moving offering. For peak effectiveness, tie plug direct to leader.

Number Three: Live eels are a favorite bait of surfmen everywhere, but their handling and care creates fits for some people. Those plastic live bait buckets with the hinged door (Plano makes a good one) make excellent containers for live eels. Occasional dunks into the brine (a 3/8 inch hole drilled through the side at the very bottom allows for drainage) will keep the baits alive and kicking for the duration of your trip. Handling the slime coated critters is made much easier if you carry along a piece or two of burlap. A litle sand thrown over the eel and your piece of burlap rag will make baiting up a simple task.

Number Four: When working quiet shallows, never enter the water without making a few exploratory casts. Game fish will often feed in a foot or two of water during the night and your entering the water is sure to spook them. Always enter the water as quietly and with as little commotion as possible.

Number Five: You should always direct your casts in a fan-like pattern when working the open beach, providing there is room. You'll cover more water and are more likely to "pick" a fish or two on those days when blitzes are just a memory. Casting parallel to the beach or a jetty when feasible is a technique that often produces fish. Game fish do most of their feeding in tight along the beach and along the rocks. You'll be keeping your offering in the feeding zone longer and the dif-

ferent angle of presentation is often more appealing to bass and weaks.

Number Six: Filing down or crushing the barbs on treble hooks will give you better hook penetration and also makes releasing fish a much easier job with less wear and tear on the fish. Needless to say, sharpen your hooks before use whenever possible and check them often to see they stay that way.

Number Seven: Avoid the use of wire leaders unless ravenous blues are in such a frenzy that they threaten your arsenal of lures. Mono leaders of 30 to 40 pound test, depending on the area being fished, is better suited to most situations. During periods of calm, clear water, game fish are usually more reluctant to strike a lure presented via a wire leader. A quality swivel at one end of a 30 inch length of mono and a duo-lock snap on the other makes a fine leader arrangement.

Number Eight: Make the use of a dropper ahead of your plug, tin or live eel a regular habit. Red Gill rubber-bodied droppers by Blue Fox and feather droppers are deadly on bass, blues, and weaks when small baitfish predominate. They also allow you the luxury of presenting two sizes of offerings simultaneously. Many casters believe that their use triggers more aggressive feeding as a result of the competition factor. Your lure appears as competition for baitfish in the eyes of a hungry game fish. I must credit this theory to having taken many fish on the same lure used by other anglers while they went fishless. The only difference being the dropper rigged ahead of my lure.

Number Nine: Carry a leader wallet with an assortment of pre-made leaders readily accessible. During the middle of a blitz is no time to start making up a new leader. Mark each pocket with the leader test (20 lb., 30 lb., 40 lb., 50 lb.), using a waterproof marking pen.

Number Ten: Be observant when you're on the beach. Watch the wash for clues to the presence of game fish—baitfish jumping, or a fish swirling are good reasons to give a spot a thorough going over. Watch the activity of other casters. If one is outfishing the rest of the crowd, try to match his presentation and rate of retrieve. Keep an eye on terns and gulls as they are a good clue to the presence of game fish. Even one bird, picking and diving over a small area can provide a clue that fish are present. At night, use your ears to "observe" the activity of feeding bass, blues or weaks. Listen for telltale slaps and pops or the sound of a screeching drag or hooked fish thrashing on the surface down the beach. When arriving at a spot, look for drag marks on the sand indicating the earlier success of anglers as they dragged their catch back to car or buggy. Pay close attention to tides and currents and develop a thorough understanding of them. They are a critical factor in catching fish from the beach.

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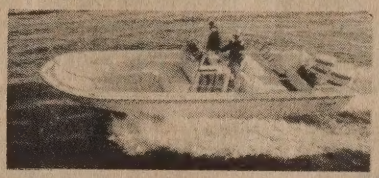

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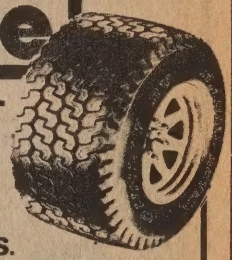

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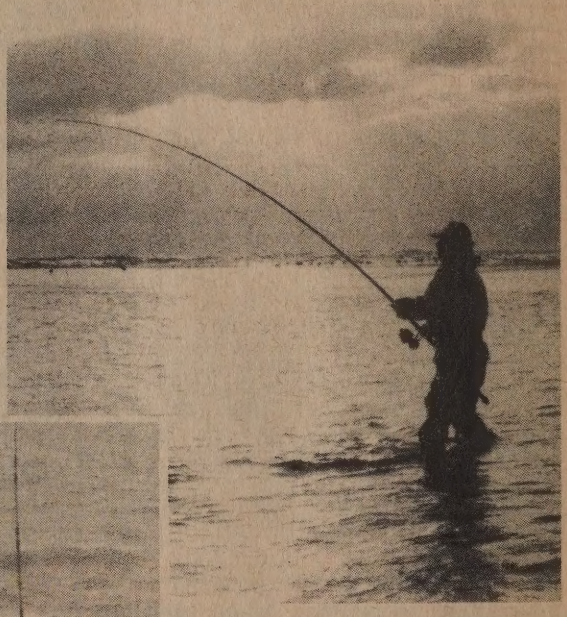

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JETTY FISHING PRIMER

by Russ Wilson

Learning how to fish these moss covered structures can pay big dividends to surfmen. Proper attire is the key to doing it safely.

Today's jetty jockey has to be sharp if he (or she) hopes to come home with fish. You can spend a lot of time and effort at the game of rock-hopping and have very little to show for all of your expenditure. I know; I've been there and had the opportunity to enjoy the good and the bad of this "laborious" fishing.

Most successful jetty fishermen I've known had one thing in common: they were willing to put in the hours to catch fish. You do not simply walk out on a moss-covered rock pile and catch fish. There are tricks and techniques that produce fish and there are methods that have outlived their usefulness. The secret to being a success is to learn which methods will produce fish and to discard those that do not get results.

Striped bass are, without question, the number one fish among jetty fishermen. The thrill of tangling with a 40 pound plus linesider has caused many an otherwise sane saltwater angler to give up home and family. And, in many instances, the dreamed of 40 or 50 pounder never does come along!

Before going into the techniques, anyone not familiar with fishing the rock piles might be wise to turn the page. You can count on losing lots of sleep, enduring the worst possible kinds of weather and, finally, listening to all the hassle that you are going to get from an otherwise sensible wife or girl friend. Maybe you'll be lucky and your lady will fall into the same trap that caught you. If this should occur, you'll have a fishing partner for life, and you should consider yourself blessed!

At any rate, you will be spending a lot of odd hours plying the wave-tossed waters that surround the rocks. Generally, a large percentage of those hours will be at night, during a "nor'easter" or in a driving rain.

There are some basic tackle and clothing needs. For openers, you must have good foul weather gear. The Helly Hansen type of rain gear served us well for many years and we still have a set or two hanging in the cellar. Those were lighter than the Black Diamonds we wore when working the clam boats, but are still a lot heavier than many of today's modern materials. I suggest you look around and try to purchase the lightest set of rain gear you can find that is still strong enough to withstand the punishment it will receive when used for jetty jumping.

Those rock piles are very deceiving. You may look at a jetty and think it is smooth and easy to negotiate, but on closer inspection you will find there are many holes, breaks and crevices

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Bucktails are deadly medicine when worked from atop a jetty. Frank Daignault photo.

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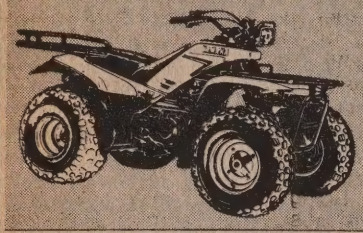

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where one can slip and break a leg or some other part of the anatomy. As a general rule, the more broken up a jetty is, the better it will be as a fish producer.

Good footwear is absolutely necessary. Through the years, we've tried all types and kinds and found some good, some bad and some downright dangerous to the wearer. I weigh close to 250 pounds and cannot wear those slip-on type creepers. A dozen years ago I was fishing one of the "Butts" at Sea Girt and made the mistake of using slip-ons rather than the golf soles glued to the bottom of a pair of knee-high boots. That night, I almost did not get off the rocks when one of the slippers came off and dropped into a deep crevice in the jetty. It was a frightening experience and it taught me never to go onto a jetty without the right type of creepers.

You can purchase golf soles and have them glued on at a local shoemaker. We have several in our area and I am sure there are others located along the Atlantic Seaboard who can affix the soles to a pair of rubber boots. Don't make the mistake of having only one pair of boots. I have knee boots with the golf soles, as well as hippers and chest high waders to which the soles have been glued.

Some jetties cannot be fished at mid-tide without your going through waist deep water to reach the rocks. Those knee boots are of no value in this situation, but waders will allow you to reach the rocks without having a gallon of cold water sloshing around in the boots to further add to your misery.

Most experienced jetty jocks carry a gaff, stringer, plug bag, neck light and maybe a small container to hold baits. Don't overdo it. The more tackle you are lugging around, the more strain you are placing upon your body, and the sooner you are going to get tired.

I much prefer going light while still having all the gear to handle any situation that may arise. My gaff is constructed of fiberglass, measures slightly more than six feet and does not weigh a pound. The tackle bag, which we will cover in detail later, is made of canvas and sheds water like a duck. It, too, is very light, even when filled with a selection of proven lures.

Every jetty fisherman we've known had his opinion of what constitutes the perfect rod and reel combination for fishing off the rock piles. Some prefer the conventional style revolving spool reels and heavy rods measuring upwards of nine feet. Others, this reporter included, find the shorter, 7½ to 8 foot rod is easier to handle when slipping and sliding across the moss-covered rocks.

I am not a dyed-in-the-wool spinning enthusiast, but do have a jetty outfit that utilizes a spinning reel. The reason is easy enough to figure out. It is virtually impossible to backlash a spinning mill and I can get in more casts than when using the conventional style reel.

There are exceptions (aren't there always?). When fishing live bait, I definitely prefer conventional because of the control it affords. With the revolving spool reel, it is possible to "steer" a live bait or to "feel" a fish as it swims up to a bait and inhales it.

Actually, it pays to have both types of tackle since you will be fishing under varied conditions and using different kinds of lures or baits. Some are better suited to revolving spool casting reels, while other types of lures work best with spinning gear.

As far as rod selection goes, make sure you pick a rod that has sufficient lifting power to muscle hard-fighting fish. You do not want a soft or weepy blank that will collapse when you apply pressure. By the same token, do not purchase a rod that is stiff as a broomstick. The days when jetty jocks used those heavy rods have long since past. Most of today's serious rock-hoppers try to go as light as possible while still maintaining control of the fish they hook.

If you can afford it, I feel your best choice is a custom built jetty rod. Most custom rod builders know exactly which blank will perform a specific duty. Follow their suggestions when purchasing a rod that will be used strictly for jetty fishing and you will find it is money well spent.

Way back in the late 50s and early 60s we bought the biggest spinning reels or casting reels we could find. The feeling at that time was we needed the additional line capacity to handle bigger fish. Today we all know better. Those old reels weighed a couple pounds and after a few hours of casting, you could feel the arm muscles giving out.

I am presently using a mid-size spinning mill for most jetty service and a lightweight conventional type aluminum reel when fishing baits. Of course, I've aged a couple of years and put on a pound or two around the gut, and even the lighter tackle still seems to weigh a ton by the time I finish a night of fishing the jetties.

There are thousands of lures available. Some are designed to catch fish, others will catch only fishermen. The trick is knowing which to use. Time proven models such as the Red-Fin, Rebel, Creek Chub and Atom Swimmer are always a good investment. In poppers, I prefer the larger models. Classics, Stan Gibbs, Atom and the Pencil Popper by Cordel are worthy of taking up space in any jetty jock's plug bag.

You should also carry a small selection of metals. The Hopkins is probably the most widely known casting metal, but others like the Kastmaster or Ultimus are equally as effective. Metals are molded in various shapes and sizes. The "shorty" style is very effective when baby bunker, butterfish, spearing or mullet are in the shallows. Those long, slender models will prove beneficial when larger baits predominate. It is

sensible to have these in weights of one through four ounces and if at all possible, you should purchase the single hook models with or without a bucktail dressed hook.

Bucktails are universal in their fish-catching appeal. I would not venture onto a rock pile without having some of these tucked into the shoulder bag. White is a favored color and weights of 1½ to 4 ounces should cover most situations you are likely to encounter. By all means carry a small jar of pork rind. There is nothing that will top a strip of pork rind when it is added to a bucktail. I've had a lot of bass, weakies and blues on a bucktail and pork rind combo and recommend it very highly to anyone who plans to fish the rocks.

Bait fishing is not as exciting as is tossing a top water plug or working a popper, but it is equally effective and at times, will outproduce the artificial lures by a wide margin. You should learn how to fish baits for you never know when the fish will feed on bait to the exclusion of all other offerings.

Sea worms are always a good choice. Bloods are tougher and can be cast long distances. They catch fish but, in my opinion, the sand worm, which is softer and will break when mishandled, is the better bait. Sands must be hooked lightly, once through the mouth, so the remainder of the worm trails in a natural fashion. When using bloods, you can hook them twice due to their longer length and the toughness of their skin. Generally, you will find small beak style hooks are perfect for worm fishing. Try the gold or bronze finish in sizes 1/0, 2/0 or 3/0, and have them rigged on leaders of no longer than 18 to 24 inches.

Clam is another first-rate bait for weaks and stripers. I have not caught blues on clam, but know of jetty fishermen who have taken some bragging size blues on these big baits. Larger hooks are preferred when baiting with clam. Many anglers use the 5/0 through 7/0 size in a short shank beak style model and snelled to a leader of at least 18 inches.

Live bait fishing is a little different. You must present the live offerings so they appear natural. This means using no terminal snaps, swivels or connectors and tying the hook directly to the line. I find 17 to 20 pound test monofilament is adequate for most live lining situations, although when big blues are around I will attach a short trace of black wire between the line and the hook to avoid bite-offs.

There is a lot to live lining, more than we can cover in a general piece about jetty fishing. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting fishing technique, I suggest you check back issues of The Fisherman, as the method has been covered previously.

I've used a miner's type neck light for more than 20 years and feel this is the only kind of light to carry when clambering around the rock piles at night. These are held around the neck by a strand of elastic material and fasten under the chin or on the forehead. The battery pack is carried in a pants pocket where it is out of the way. You can also use a waterproof flashlight by jury-rigging it with electrical tape so it is held in place. The miner's light is powered by four D cell batteries, while the regular flashlight takes only two D cells, is lighter, but much more bulky.

Probably the most important ingredient to being a success at jetty fishing is the ability to fish odd hours. More often than not, the best fishing will occur at night or during periods of inclement weather. A lot of fishermen do not want to fish after dark and they have no desire whatsoever to climb onto a jetty when there is a downpour under way. We cannot fault this kind of thinking. But, to enjoy the best fishing, these are the times to be out there tossing plugs, rigged eels or metals. Fish do feed heavily under cover of darkness or when there is a dense fog, heavy rain or a line storm brewing.

Being a serious jetty jockey is not the most productive form of saltwater angling, but it does have a special appeal to those who've spent considerable time working the Atlantic Coast rock piles. The total number of fish that end up on the stringer will never come close to the catch enjoyed by boaters. However, all things considered, it is a superb way to match wits with the elements and a heck of a satisfying way to catch fish!

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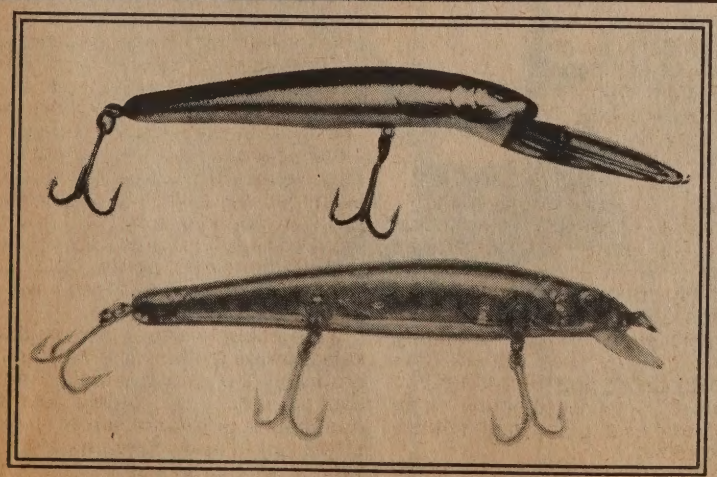

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by Gary Hall

Mounting your "fish box" up front can save lots of space and will help keep your buggy's interior free of sand and slime.

"What's that thing?" the lady asked, pointing to the wooden fish box I had precariously mounted on my tan Ford van. The box was purple because I got the paint for free. That's the way I used to do things then. "A knot box," I replied. "A what?" she said. I opened the box and produced a knot of wooden pine that had fallen into the box out of the lid. "I have three of them in here now, and when I fill the box up with knots I'm going to sell them." She gave a quick glance at the knots and then left. I figured it was equally as pointless to try and explain why I would attach such a contraption to my bumper to put fish in. Now I have a cooler and bracket which slides temporarily on and off my Suburban.

You can build a bracket for any cooler you choose and mount it on your truck for under $75. The best one is a slide-on cooler rack which does not detract from the vehicle's appearance. When you are not fishing, it can be stored away. There are various methods used by fishermen to make the bracket and mount. I will cover one method which is simple and can be adapted easily to Ford or Chevy trucks.

The materials and measurements you will need are contingent upon the cooler you choose to build the bracket around. The materials listed here were based on the Igloo 151 Qt. sea chest. You will need 50 to 60 feet of angle iron (1½"x2"); 6 ft. of iron (standard plumbing) pipe (2") **outside diam.**; 6 ft. of standard iron pipe (2¼") **inside diam.**; two "U" brackets (2¾" L); two steel hex bolts and nuts (½x2¾" L); four hex bolts and nuts (5/16"x2¼" L); thirty-two ¼"x½" L hex bolts, nuts and lock washers; a can of black rustproof spray or brush paint. The angle iron is the most ex-

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pensive item, but often a scrap metal place will give you a good buy. Avoid badly rusted iron. If you buy angle iron that has pre-punched holes every half-inch, you will reduce your drilling time by half.

The tools needed for the job are as follows: 1/4" or 3/8" speed drill; 1/4", 3/8", 1/2" bits; hack saw, tape measure; 3/8", 1/2" and 5/16" wrenches. A pipe wrench will not be necessary, but will certainly expedite the job.

The most important facet of the job is measurement. The job starts with the undercarriage of your vehicle. Two points of support are needed for each pipe (2¼" i.d.). Chevy has a cross brace between the chassis which is convenient to use. Most Ford mounts will go direct to the chassis and the 2¼" i.d. pipes will mount right under the chassis. The pipes mounted under your vehicle will form the support for the cooler rack. The rack will slide into these pipes. The back, or rear of each pipe is drilled through with 1/2" bits and into chassis and bolted loosely (see diagram No. 1). A measurement is taken center to center between the rear undercarriage pipes (between "B" bolts). Now the precise same measurement must be made for the fronts of the pipes "A" so both pipes are parallel. A mark is made on the vehicle bumper and the 2¾" U brackets "Bolt A" drilled and fitted into the bumper. The undercarriage pipes should protrude two or three inches. Excess pipe can be squared and cut off. If your pipes are not parallel the cooler rack will not slide into them.*

Once the above is complete, the cooler rack can be started. First, measure your cooler. The width and height are much more important than the length (see diagram No. 2). Lay out your angle forming a box equal in height and width to the cooler (18"). Allow 12" on each side of the cooler rack for length. Later, storage boxes will go there on both sides of the cooler. Use the 1/4" hex bolts and nuts to bolt your cooler frame perimeter together. The lengths of cut angle iron should be approximately four 70" pieces and sixteen 18" pieces.

When the cooler rack is assembled, find the exact measurements for the cooler rack pipes (2" outside diam.) and mark the rack for "C" bolts (diagram No. 3). Again, the pipes must be parallel to each other or they will not slide into the undercarriage pipes bolted at "A" and "B."

When you are measuring for the cooler, give one-half inch space all around so it will not receive pressure from the angle iron. A rustproof paint job will ensure years of use. Milk crates in the side storage areas will complement the cooler in the rack. A nylon strap with a buckle will hold the cooler and rack from sliding out, if fastened **behind** your bumper and around the rack. Hopefully you will be prouder of your cooler and rack than I was of my old knot box.

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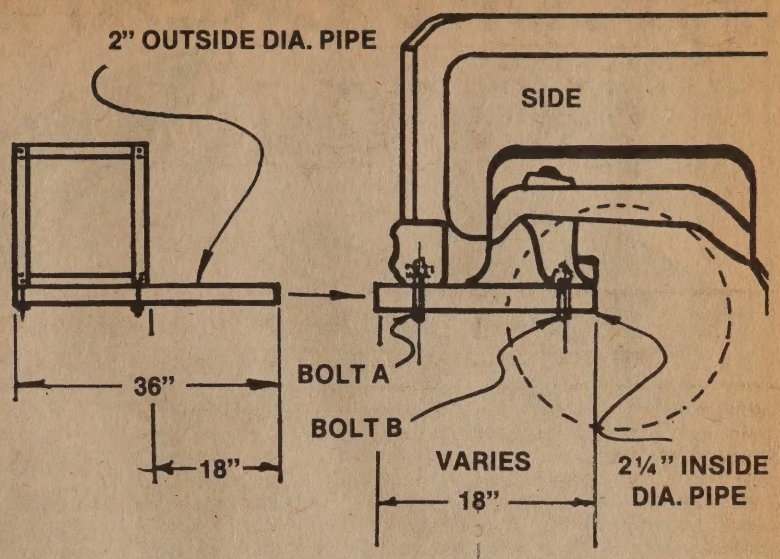

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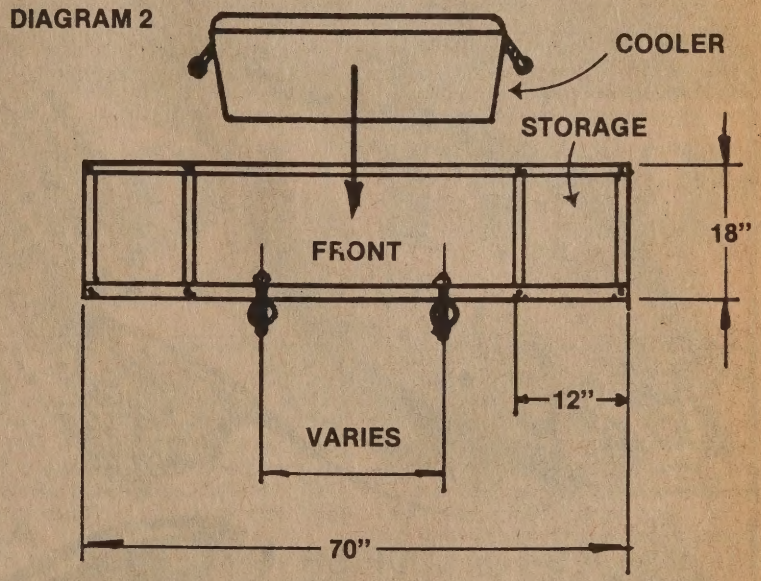

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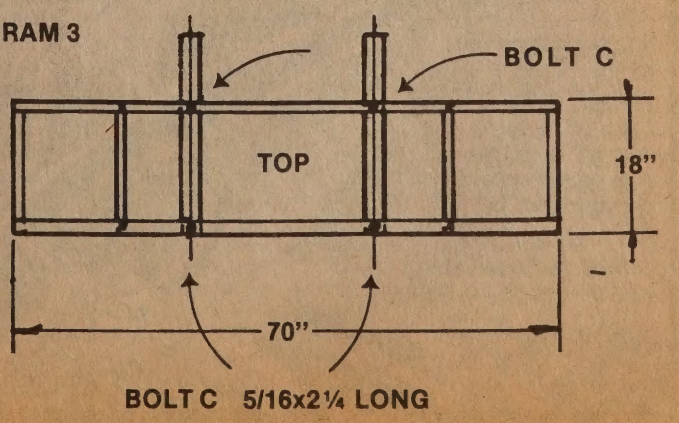

RECORD BREAKERS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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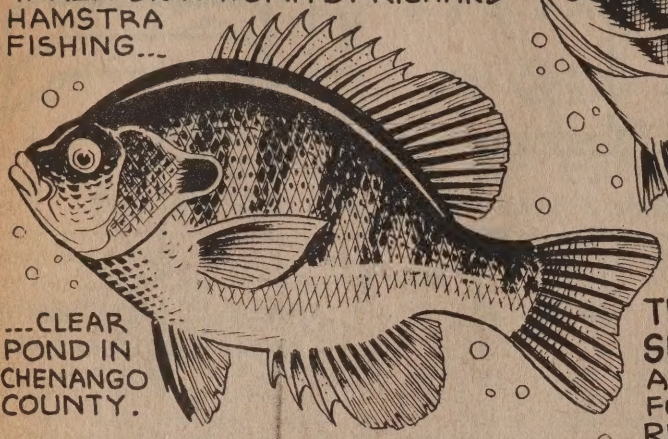

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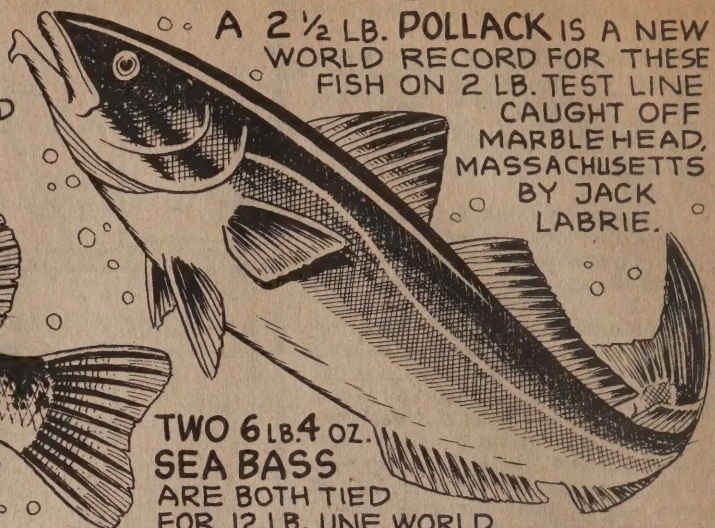

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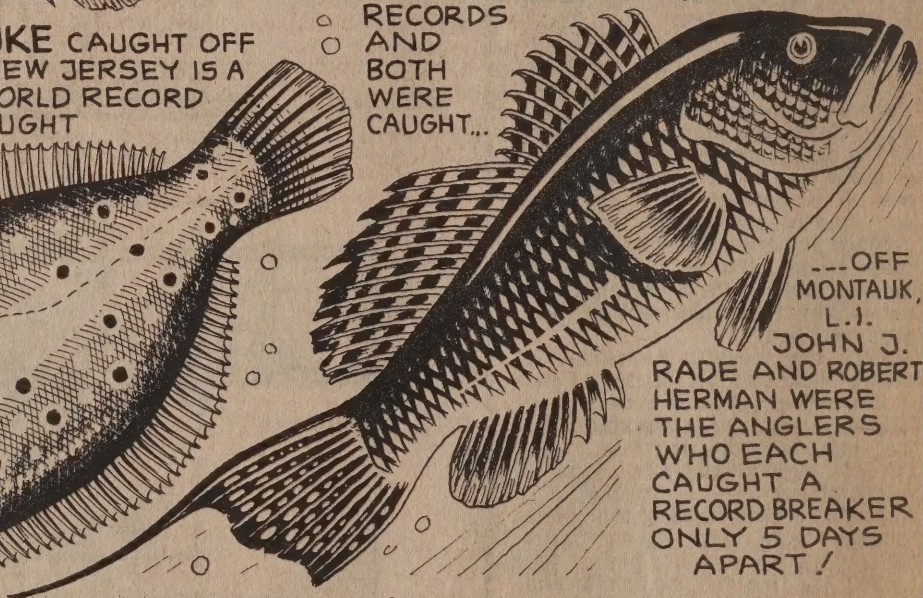

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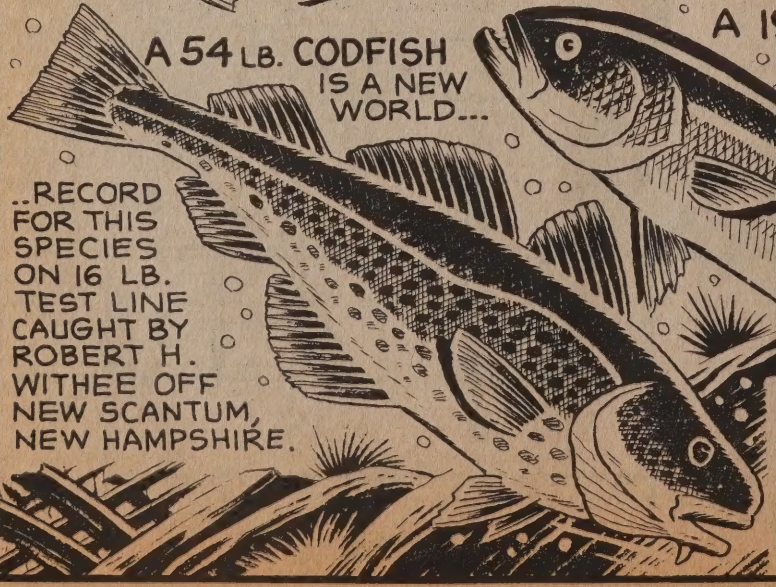

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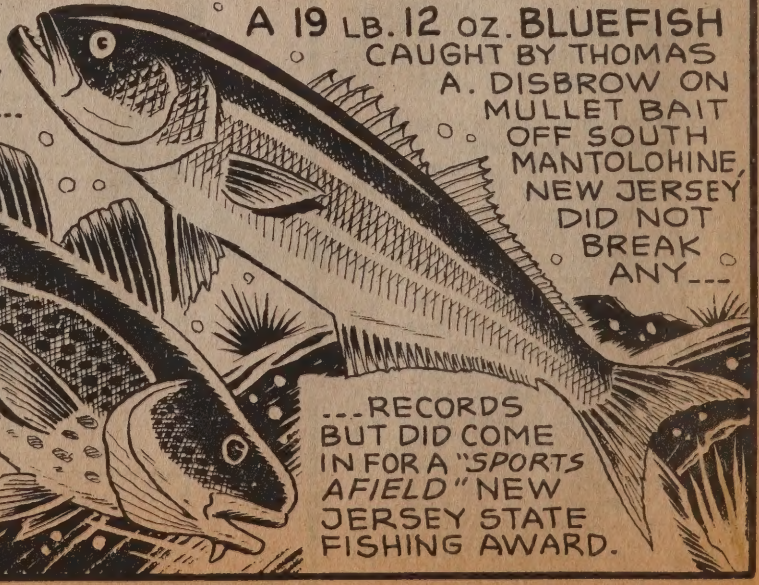

...RECORDS BUT DID COME IN FOR A "*SPORTS AFIELD*" NEW JERSEY STATE FISHING AWARD.

OUR ROUTINE

by William A. Muller

We had our routine for going fishing. After 25 years of fishing together, we didn't need to talk or ask questions. It didn't matter if we went in Carl's car or mine, since the trunk of each vehicle had its assigned spaces for each of our equipment. More than just the preparation and organization for the trip, I knew when Carl drove to my house he'd be five minutes late and Carl knew when I drove to his house that I'd be five minutes early.

It was very comfortable fishing with this man I knew so well. There were never any unpleasant surprises, no curves, and even in bad humor we had learned how to handle each other. When Carl was grumpy, I learned to simply stay away from him; and Carl, for his part, had a knack for a wisecrack or a fast joke that would get me to laughing and break my solemn mood.

Furthermore, we were surf fishermen and the fact of our chosen angling technique simply gave the quality of our relationship more meaning. We each knew when to shut up and we had a sense for when we had to spur the other into trying harder when all looked impossible. I'll tell you right here and now, there were many nights when if it wasn't for Carl I'd have never gone fishing, and there would have been a lot of quality fish not caught had he not chided me. I'm sure if Carl were here he'd say much the same about my efforts to get him on the beach when he would have otherwise sat in front of the boob tube.

It's rare to have such a perfect fishing buddy and even rarer when both fishermen feel the same about each other. Pehaps you're thinking that I'm exaggerating, but I'm not. In private, policemen will admit harboring very special feelings and commitments to a good partner—an admission they'd never make in front of their wives. When your life is on the line your partner had better damn well be someone you care a lot about and can depend upon, or the criminal might make your wife a widow. Macho men won't admit it, but it is a kind of love. They're not gay; they just love their friend. Well, although surf fishing isn't a life threatening activity, a good surf fishing buddy can be a most valuable person, and one that you can come to love as a brother and a friend. I'll tell you at the outset, I loved Carl.

I remember this night 20 years ago, when we were both a lot younger and full of vim and vigor, we found these big blues on a bar near an inlet. The first night we found the fish the tide was just about at its bottom. Each night that passed, we gained an hour on the tide, so that after a few days there was a few feet of water on the bar with waves rolling in continuously. We were both acutely aware that the water in front of us was about 10 to 20 feet deep and moved past the bar at a good clip. The trough behind was about five feet deep and the route back to the beach had to be negotiated very carefully at this one spot where a finger of sand reached delicately towards the beach and just about kissed the beach with its pointy end. Since on nights when the ocean was fishable the bar we fished from broke the waves, it was possible to walk on this slender spit from the bar to the beach as long as you didn't stray off the narrow ridge of the sand finger.

I guess it was about the fifth night of the run, and as we started to fish the water on the bar was uncomfortably deep. Thinking about it 20 years later, I realize we were stupid to go out there. We should have waited until the tide dropped before going out. We still would have caught fish

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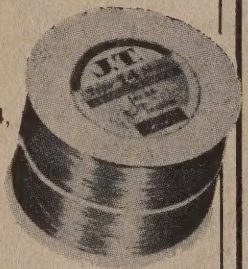

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and without a safety hazard. But hell, we were younger then and in our minds the belief reigned that we were immortal. Anyway, we cinched up our belts, taped our wrists and necks tightly, and worked out onto the bar. When we got out there it was hard to fish because each wave lifted us an inch or so off our feet, and after it dropped us, we had to shuffle back quickly to the point we started from. If we did not regain the inches lost by the wave lift, we'd have been in the deep water within seconds.

The first cast and Carl was into a good bluefish; maybe 10 or 12 pounds. He called to me immediately. "Pete, I'm in! The fish is running in front of you, hold your cast." Of course I held my cast. I knew that Carl wouldn't fool around with the fish. He knew that a stiff drag and "smart" fighting techniques were called for under these conditions. I also knew that if the fish ran up on the bar, that Carl would holler to me. I stood my ground, rising and falling with each passing wave and I watched as Carl handled that bluefish. He gaffed that fish within minutes and removed it deftly. You see, we used single short shanked hook and we filed the barbs off them to boot. Trying to unhook a large bluefish on a submerged bar with waves either smashing into your back or lifting you off the sand did not need to be made more difficult with free swinging barbed treble hooks. Sure, we lost some fish, but then when a big fish gets leverage on a plug with multiple sets of trebles you lose your share, too.

I won't recount the taking of every fish, rather I'll condense the story by telling you that we each had a few nice fish on our stringers before the first hour had passed. That fact, plus the high level of the tide accounted for what happened next.

We were no longer being lifted off the sand by the rushing waves; the tide had dropped more than a foot, but we were still thigh deep. Anyway, I was about to make a cast when I felt a strong pull from my stringer. Nothing unusual since the surging tide and waves will twist a stringer with several fish and the resistance of the loaded stringer will vary as the water swirls and eddies. Although I interrupted my cast and looked down at my fish on the stringer, it was only a momentary diversion. I lifted the rod above and a little behind my head and I was about to cast when, again, I felt that tug. It didn't feel the same as the waning and waxing tugs of the tide, yet it didn't seem that unusual either. I shook my head and lowered my arms. I was about to call to Carl that something weird was going on when I was suddenly being pulled down the bar. It wasn't a race, mind you. I wasn't flying down the bar. Instead, I was slipping inches at a time.

"Carl! I got trouble!"

"Coming, Pete! What's wrong?"

"Something's pulling me away from you; something's in my stringer, dammit!"

I was starting to move faster now and although Carl was pushing towards me as fast as he could, an inch was being added to the distance between us with each surging wave. I was worried. I felt the flush of panic for the first time in my life. Although the water and the air was cold, I was sweating profusely under my top, and I wasn't able to think. I could both feel and hear my heart pounding in my chest, but I couldn't hear Carl any more, even though he was only a few feet away. If I hadn't been in panic I would have heard him, and if I had heard him I could have ended the emergency immediately.

"Undo your stringer! Take your stringer off your belt, Pete, and let go of it."

However, I didn't hear, I couldn't hear him. The distance between Carl and I was still increasing and even with Carl pushing at top effort he couldn't reach me. Somehow he knew that I was panicked, so he quickly abandoned his attempt to talk me to safety. He knew then that he had to reach me and that he had to do it quickly, because in another minute I'd be off the bar into 20 feet of water and I'd be gone. To this day, I don't know how he did it. Perhaps instead of panic he was experiencing an adrenalin rush, because in the seconds that followed he showed great strength. He extended his big 13 foot rod towards me and I don't know why I was able to grab the rod; but I did and I held on so fiercely that had I been able to see my fingers, I would have seen they were bone white from the pressure of my grasp. Carl planted his feet, heels digging into the sand on the bar and began to pull me towards him. He also pulled himself along the rod towards me, and although we were still sliding very slowly towards the 20 foot deep water, the distance between Carl and me was shrinking.

Then he was at me. I could see his mouth moving in the dim light, but I still couldn't hear him: all I heard was my heart pounding under my sternum and the swush of the waves breaking over us.

We were inches from the dropoff now. We were done for. Even Carl with his great presence of mind and his adrenalin rush was no match for the strength of the shark now dragging the fish-ladened stringer out to sea and the lack of working space. To the shark it didn't matter that we were attached. He didn't want us, but the fact that we were coming along with the fish was only a minor annoyance to the ancient fish.

I don't know how it happened, or how he did it, but at the last second he found my stringer's "O" ring with his fingers and undid it, gaining a precious second or two, and during that time he was able to get the stringer free and with a triumphant smile on his face he flamboyantly tossed the stringer towards the shark—which wasn't too far.

Carl had lost his rod in the commotion, and mine was lost long ago, although I couldn't pinpoint the exact moment if my life depended on it. I was still in shock, plug bag still dangling from my neck, as Carl pulled me, his right forearm under my chin. When he found the sand finger route back to the beach he hesitated for a moment, and later he told me that at that particular moment he remembered that his fish were still on his stringer and his stringer was still attached to him. I wouldn't have known and I certainly didn't care. He released his stringer and made for the beach.

I didn't know if I was alive or dead as I sat on that beach. All I could think about was how very and startingly close I had just brushed death. Carl was okay, although his adrenalin high was subsiding now. Still, he had enough hype left in his blood to pick me up and carry me on his shoulder across the sand to his car, and then take me to the nearest hospital.

They treated me for shock and exposure and let me go home. I didn't sleep well that night what with the nightmares that kept blasting into my reverie.

I thanked Carl the next day for saving my life, but I didn't make too big a deal out of it, because, knowing each other so well I knew and he knew that I would have done the same for him if the tables were reversed; at least I would have done my damndest! For his part, he brushed off the whole incident easily and simply said he was happy to see me looking so well.

By the end of the day we were making new stringers and rods, discussing our plans for the next fishing trip. Of course, there was no mention of returning to that bar where the sharks were our company. We'd go back there next year, if the bar was not washed out by a storm. By next year the memories would be dimmer and we'd approach the project a bit differently.

That's just a single example of how much we meant to each other, and over the span of 25 years there were many times when we had protected each other, or supported each other in times of personal stress, or listened patiently when the other needed someone to listen, but not offer advice, or get the other guy fishing, or helping to break a mood, or any of a thousand other helps and influences. I'm sure if Carl were here he'd agree that the relationship went both ways over the years.

I really don't intend to bore you with this story and I hope I haven't made it too long, but this is a special day. It's a day when from here on things will never be the same—not my life and not my fishing. I really don't know what the rest of my life will be like—at least that corner of it that included fishing. You see, Carl passed away this morning and this time, there wasn't a damn thing I could do!

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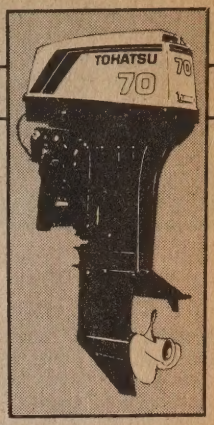

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WEIGHTS FOR THE SURF

by Mike Palladino

Schools upon schools of bluefish charged the surf, gorging on small menhaden. Gulls were everywhere, waiting to feast on any leftovers. These blues performed their raid just out of the reach of my casts. It was a true bluefish blitz, a surf fisherman's dream...well, not exactly, a forceful wind was blowing in from the ocean limiting my casts to mere flips, and it was downright maddening. Chopper bluefish were churning the water's surface to a froth, but I just could not reach the fish.

I was using Kastmaster metals in the two ounce range, any heavier and the lures became too large for the medium sized blues.

However, one angler in particular did have three blues on the beach. His rig was simple, just a two ounce Kastmaster preceded by a two ounce trolling weight. His casts towered over the others and he successfully landed a dozen of the football shaped bluefish.

The fisherman with the bluefish was using the same size Kastmaster as everyone else, except he had a trolling weight attached to his line. The trolling drail added an additional two ounces of lead to his rig, thus enabling him to reach the fish.

What you have just read occurred last summer on a Harwich Port Beach on Cape Cod. Since then the trolling weight has been my ace in the hole on many occasions.

The weight itself is long and cylindrical in shape. On each end of the weight there is a series of swiveling beads. One end has a loop for the line and the opposite end has a snap to attach to the leader and lure combination.

The best trolling drail that I have found is made by the Bead Chain Tackle Company. It is available in many sizes and the swivel points won't jam or rust. The most important feature of this weight are the swivels. These swivels do an outstanding job at keeping the line from twisting. Even at high speed retrieves line twist is eliminated.

In early fall when albacore or bonito frequently cruise the surf the trolling weight can be a great help. Just recently I met an angler at Island Beach State Park who showed me how

When fish are lying beyond reach of lighter lures, the addition of a drail ahead of the lure may mean paydirt.

effective the trolling weight/Hopkins metal rig can be. The little tunny like a fast moving presentation. If the Hopkins is used by itself the retrieve speed is much too fast, thus causing the lure to spend more time out of the water than in. By using a medium sized Hopkins on a two to three foot leader and attaching the leader to a one or two ounce trolling weight, it is possible to retrieve the metal at high speeds.

Crank the reel as fast as possible and it will greatly increase your chances to score. The trolling drail adds just enough weight to keep the Hopkins in the water, yet it still allows the metal to be retrieved quickly.

Perhaps the greatest advantage of the trolling weight is that it allows a very lightweight lure to be used in a variety of ways. Not many fishermen know that by fishing a Hopkins or a Kastmaster on the bottom of the surf an impressive number of fluke can be caught. The trolling drail is perfect for fishing the Hopkins on the bottom.

Until the episode which occurred at Cape Cod last year I never realized that such a weight could be used in a number of rigs. Now I make sure that I have a variety of sizes available whenever I surf fish.

The pyramid weight is undoubtedly the surf fisherman's bread and butter sinker. It can be found in almost any weight up to eight ounces. On sandy or muddy bottoms, the pyramid sinker is the best, bar none. This sinker is used with most fish finder rigs and just about every basic bottom rig. The pyramid weight plays an important part in a most unusual rig. The rig to which I am referring to is a special setup that is used with live eels.

When striped bass enter the surf, one of the most popular baits to use is a live eel. However, when fishing with live eels on light tackle it can be a cumbersome chore to try and cast the weight of the eel and the sinker. The remedy? Attach a two ounce pyramid sinker to your line. Cast out the sinker and place your rod in a sand dig. Attach a two foot monofilament leader to the loop end of a snap swivel. At the other end of the leader tie on a #4 or a #6 size hook. Rig your eel on the hook and then open the snap and attach it to your line. Let the eel slide down to your line until it works its way to the bottom. This rig eliminates the problem of having to cast a heavy rig with a light, sensitive rod. This very effective fish finder rig depends on the pyramid sinker. It is rare when any other sinker is used for this rig.

The bank sinker is a favorite of bottom fishermen everywhere. However, it is not generally thought of as a weight to use when surf fishing, but in many situations it is a valuable aid in presenting a bait more naturally to bottom feeding fish.

Bank sinkers are the weights to use when the bottom is rock covered. The oval shape and roundness of the sinker make it nearly impossible for the sinker to get snagged on a rocky bottom. The bank sinker is not used with the fish finder rig because it lays on its side and does not allow line to be fed through when a fish moves off with the bait.

Pyramid sinkers are used in conjunction with a fish-finder rig when bait-fishing for blues.

The bank sinker can be used on a plain bottom rig for blackfish or fluke. It isn't a very versatile weight in the surf, but there are times when it can be useful and I always keep a supply of bank sinkers on hand.

The last weight that I would like to mention is the egg sinker. Not many fishermen use this oval weight but I like it for light tackle rigs, or when fishing for light hitting fish, such as fluke, porgies or sea bass.

The egg sinker is a good all around sinker that rarely gets snagged on the bottom. It's designed to allow line to pass through its opening at each end and this can be a great help when fishing for porgies. Porgies can be extremely hard to hook. When I feel a hit I give the fish some slack line as I gradually lower the rod, and when I see the slack leave my line I quickly set the hook with a flick of my wrist. As a rule, I'll catch most of the fish that hit.

I like to use the slip sinker rig when I fish for fluke also. The egg sinker lets me give line to the flattie while he examines the bait. When the line tightens, I let him have it. Nine out of ten times I'll hook up solidly.

In this article I have reviewed the most common weights that are used in the surf. Each weight presented in this article allows the angler to experiment with his own rigs. No single weight can do it all, and it is the small surf and jetty jock who carries a complete selection of weights with him for those occasions when finesse is needed to put fish on the sand.

LOADING YOUR PLUG BAG

by Fred Golofaro

One of the more common traits of anglers suffering from the "surf bug" is an affliction for collecting lures. Many a caster's wife has been plagued with a lack of compassion and understanding towards an assortment of wood, plastic and metal that is worth more than her shoe collection. Indeed, few people understand that "playing with lures" in the off-season is almost as pleasurable as the fishing itself.

While I can often be found preaching that all anyone needs to catch fish in the surf is a basic assortment of a dozen or so plugs and "tins," I'm as guilty as anyone in the plug collecting department. I've got plugs that swim, pop, gurgle, plane and do nothing. I've even got one that if snapped off on a cast, will return itself to me! I have been accused by loved ones of having more plugs than the world's largest baseball card collection, an accusation to which I plead no contest.

The fact remains, though, that the caster with a small collection of lures and thorough knowledge of how to work them, will catch just as many fish as the guy with a suitcase full of artificials. It's also a fact that, despite the best of intentions, the guy with that basic assortment of lures will eventually wind up with a wall full of them. As alluded to earlier, it's an affliction, and one for which there seems no cure.

Popping Plugs: No surf bag would be complete without a "popper" or two. The standard concave-head type such as those made by Atom (Striper Swiper), Creek Chub and Cotton Cordell will all fill the role. My favorite type of popping plug is far and away the Pencil Popper. It has an uncanny ability to draw fish from considerably deep water. The one manufactured by Stan Gibbs is my favorite, but Linesider Lures also makes a good one. These lures work best between sunrise and sunset but have also accounted for fish after dark when worked with a slow, steady retrieve. White has always been my favorite but blue is deadly when mullet are around. The two ounce size will meet most situations you are likely to encounter.

Metal-Lipped Swimmers: These surface swimming plugs are especially effective when there are big baitfish in the neighborhood. A slow, steady retrieve with intermittent pauses drives big bass and blues crazy. The lazy S-wake left behind is the give-away that your rate of retrieve is on the mark. Be sure to carry at least one of these models in your bag at all times. Again, if you're only going to carry one, make it a white one. Down the road, you might want to add a blue finish for the "mullet run" or a black for night work. The black finish is a good imitator of small blackfish, which cow stripers devour with a passion. Most models come in three sizes with the medium (approximately 7 inches long) being the best choice for your limited arsenal.

The Junior Atom is a long-time favorite of many casters but this plastic version gets plenty of competition from the wood-bodied models manufactured by Super Strike and Stan Gibbs (the Danny plug).

Minnow Type Plugs: The big four of these "must carry" lures are the Rebel, Bomber, RedFin and Hellcat. All offer 5½ inch models, which as a group, have probably accounted for more plug-caught fish than all other types combined. While the Rebel and RedFin are old-time favorites on the saltwater scene, Hellcats and Bombers have both developed loyal followings of late. Hellcats, for some still unexplained reason (though I have my own theories), have been taking bass and weaks when all other plugs fail. The one great drawback is their frail nature, which lends the lures to being destroyed (broken lips, bodies and pulled hook hangers) on a fairly regular basis. Still, I wouldn't dare set foot on a beach without an ample supply of these lures. At the other end of the spectrum is the Bomber. Touted as much for its solid construction as its fish-catching ability, these plugs have made their mark with close-mouthed regulars despite being the latest newcomer to the surf scene. You can do no wrong with any of these models and should be sure to carry several in your bag at all times. A couple of floaters and a sinking version should carry you through most nights, but don't overlook these plugs in daylight either, particularly for use around jetties and rock piles. Day or night, their effectiveness is doubled with the addition of a dropper rigged ahead of the plug.

Darters and Bottle Plugs: While these wood-bodied swimmers are favorites of the night crowd, they will take fish at times during the daylight hours. This is particularly true during the fall and when large baitfish predominate. While many anglers restrict the use of these plugs to areas with moving water (rips, etc.), many a fish has fallen to these lures along the open sand beach. Yellow seems to be a hot color for these swimmers wherever they are fished, but you might want to add a white and mackerel finish to your arsenal eventually. One of each in the 2½ ounce size range is a wise choice for starters. Stan Gibbs Lures are favorites of casters and you can't go wrong with them. There is one drawback in the eyes of some surf regulars and that is, the screw eye mounted hooks on their darters. Super Strike Lures makes a high quality darter with through-wire rigging. The through-wire rigging does alleviate, to some degree, the problem of big fish getting leverage on the plug to

straighten hooks.

Needlefish Plugs: If you haven't already been sold on these deadly lures, you haven't been fishing them. Once a closely guarded "secret," we take a good part of the blame for letting the cat out of the bag. Now, tackle stores are often hard put to keep them in stock. The lures continue to amaze me more each season by the number of diverse situations and conditions under which they produce fish. I've taken the liberty to nickname them 'Idiot Plugs" since they are most effective when fished with a moderately slow, steady retrieve that triggers very little or no action at all. Yet, bass, blues and weaks eat them like candy. They have been effective day, night, in a calm surf, a rough surf and cast well into a headwind due to their narrow, streamlined shape. There are a number of models being manufactured and all catch fish. The differences lie in the quality of the finish, fish holding power and rigging. The one exception in design is the version created by Don Musso of Super Strike Lures, based on Long Island. Don's plugs are the Mercedes Benz of surf lures and his Needlefish is the only one rigged with through-wire mounted hooks. In addition, his hand-painted finish is a work of art. Super Strike and Spofford Lures are the only two plastic versions. So durable are Musso's lures that a demonstration with a ball peen hammer left one of the lures with no more than a slightly flattened head. The one drawback is that availability is often limited, though the switch to plastic should improve production considerably. No mention of Needlefish lures can be made without a tip of the hat to Boone Lures for designing the original plug many years ago. Of the wood models, their plug ranks at the top with the exception of weak hook hangers which must be replaced with screw eyes. Other good ones are those by Classic and Linesider Lures. Stan Gibbs joined the fray this year with a model that sports the same strength and quality of their popular darters and bottle plugs. Whichever ones you choose, you can be confident they will take fish. The most popular size in most areas fall into the 5½ to 6½ inch range and color seems to be of minor importance. It's the shape that seems to be the key. If you must select a color, green has been good to me.

Tins: No surf bag would be complete without some metal. A couple of Hopkins or Kastmasters and one or two deep running, jig type tins will get you through most situations. They are basically for daytime work and afford great castability when there is a stiff wind in your face.

You can cover most of the bases with the lures we've discussed and without investing a fortune. Eventually, or rather inevitably, your collection will be eating up plenty of wall space, but for now, develop confidence in your basic selection and above all, learn how to fish each one properly.

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The kind of fishing activity that Long Island is famous for is now taking place, with the weatherman in a cooperative mood. Offshore, mako and blue sharks are coming back into our waters. Although giant tuna seem to be scarce last week, the traditional tuna grounds are inundated with school bluefin from 30 to 100 lbs. providing plenty of action. Many anglers are tagging and releasing these fish. Bluefish are all over the northern reefs, Gardiner's, Montauk mixed with false albacore and bonito. Follow the birds! Although fluke action has slowed, many doormats were taken on the south side, providing wind drift is with you. Porgies, some to 4 lbs., were in the news again. Blackfish activity starting off Orient, Plum Island and Montauk this week. Flounder in usual early spots: Sag Harbor, Shinnecock, Orient, Shagwong.

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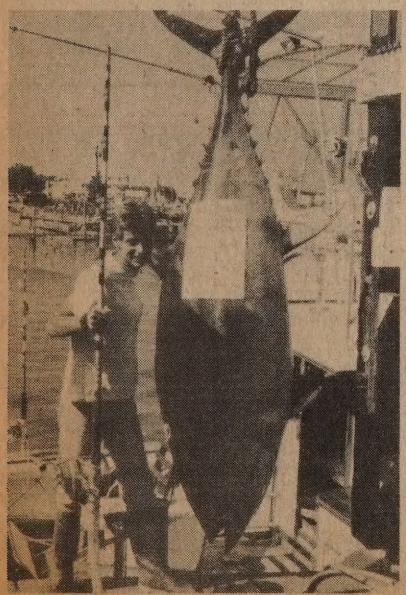
A couple of mako sharks were weighed at **Montauk Marine Basin** on Sunday, including a 170 lb. male mako caught on the Freedom by angler Jack Parascondola. The group of Connecticut anglers, Capt. Steve



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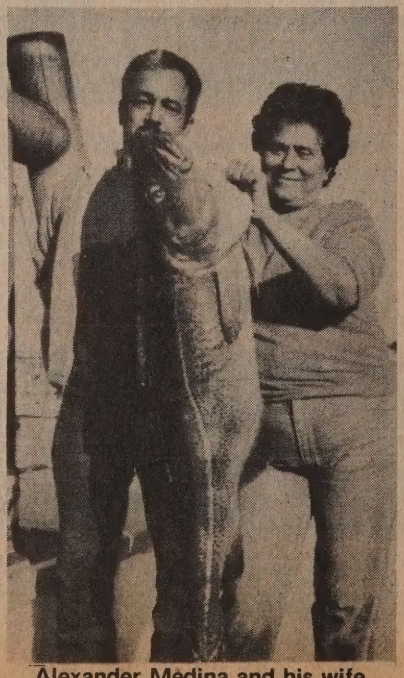

Alexander Medina and his wife with a cod of 44 lbs. taken aboard the "Viking Star" on September 8th.

DeMarco, Joe Calbi, Jack Robertino and Jack "the Hairdresser" fished the fishtails where the mako took a mackerel bait.

Captain Mike Albrondo and his party saw a mako among the billions of tuna at the Butterfish Hole on Sunday. The fish free-jumped at least six times while the anglers on the **Montauk** watched. Vernon Clifford, Long Island Beach Buggy Assoc., chartered the **Montauk** on Sunday, bagging 20 bluefin tuna. Captain Mike remarked that school tuna fishing is the best he has seen in many years, with more fish coming into the area on a daily basis. His charters are catching their limit of tuna, mostly 30 to 100 lbs., using light tackle. On Tuesday, a dolphin of 12 lbs., took the tuna bait, providing extra excitement for his charter.

I participated in this exciting fishing on Sunday on the charter boat **Eagle** with Capt. Fred Laier, Shorty the mate, and Chuck and Judy Sattler (Bell Army/Navy-Lindenhurst). At one point I counted over 80 boats, all fishing tuna, at the Butterfish Hole. We set up anchor shortly after 8AM with the **Joy-Sea, Mako Express** and **Windy**. The fish bit all day with an occasional slack period during which experimentation was the rule. Half of the tuna took 3 to 4 oz. diamond jigs on 20 to 30 lb. line. During the brief slack times, most boats experimented with light, 8 to 20 lb. line and matching tackle for fun fishing of the highest degree. A 40 lb. bluefish baited on the bottom with 16 lb. line spooled on a Jigmaster kept me busy for nearly an hour. Mixed with tuna are bonito, false albacore and large bluefish.

Bob Tabano of the Bronx and his party caught their limit of 32 bluefins to 90 lbs. before noon on the **Joy-Sea** Sunday and went home early. Thursday, Frank Bianchini of Southampton and his party jigged and baited 24 school tuna to 90 lbs., while on Saturday Ken Seiferts group kept 15 tuna to 65 lbs.

On the **Mako Express**, a group of N.Y. Salty Fly Rodders, led by Dom, hooked bluefins to 70 lbs., mostly on light and ultra light tackle.

Captain Kelly is averaging 10 to 15 school tuna on the **Kellyboat** using only 30 lb. line. The fish, 30 to 60 lbs., are so numerous and such fun to hook and fight that no one cares if they get boated. Over twice as many are lost.

Roger Van Tassell and his party from Yonkers fished next to us on the **Three Star III** capturing 11 bluefins, often with two hook-ups at a time, causing lots of fun and excitement.

Ed Shroeder found a surprise on the end of his mono line on Saturday while tuna fishing on the Jo Lynn—a mako shark which later weighed in at 150 lbs. at **Captains Cove Marina.**

Inshore, fluking is hot and cold, mostly depending on the wind drift. On Tuesday, Selden resident Tom Mihalko and I caught a half dozen fluke off the radar tower at slack tide and then went bluefishing at Shag-

wong where blues, bonito and false albacore were all over. We jigged a couple of dozen blues in the 3 to 5 lb. range. Back at the launch ramp, Maureen Sennefelder at **Gone Fishing Marina** told us that although fluke were not as numerous as in previous years, some of her customers have returned with doormats to 10 to 12 lbs.

Captain John DeMaio fished tuna on Saturday on the **Vivienne**, returning early with his limit of 16 (four per person). On Sunday, half day charters in the morning enjoyed themselves with bonito, albacore and bluefish, while the afternoon charter fished for (and caught) very large porgies.

Captain Steve Mauss is presently booking tuna charters on the **Kraken II**, however, he stated that bluefishing at Cartwright remains excellent with blackfish picking up on the south side; a recent blackfish trip found blacks to 8 lbs. ready and waiting.

Edelman's Lou Rosado found "blue shark city" east of the second finger out of Montauk on Saturday. Fishing "Never Never Land" on his 25 ft. Blackfin, Edelman's Eva Lou, Lou and his group, Nick Matkiw and Jimmy and Earl, hooked and fought 14 blue sharks estimated to 300 lbs. Lou remarked that the sharks were so numerous, they could have caught 50 if they wanted to.

A few giant tuna were caught the beginning of last week in the Butterfish Hole by those fishing for them. Captain Greg Beacher took one each on three successive days on the **Dawn**: tuna of 635, 625 and 315 lbs. An occasional giant will take a bait while school tuna fishing. Several 9.0 reels have been stripped of line with screaming runs.

Captain Paul Forsberg used adjectives such as unbelievable and phenomenal to describe the school tuna activity on the **Starship** and other boats in the tuna fleet. Although tuna in the 30 to 60 lb. range is the norm, a tuna of 105 lbs. was boated on the party boat early in the week. On Thursday, the **Starship** returned home before noon, since 25 anglers caught their limit of 100 fish early. Sunday, 35 anglers had over 80 tuna, while Wednesday 34 persons caught 111 fish. Captain Forsberg recommends at least 6.0 reels spooled with 80 to 100 lb. test line, since party boat tuna fishing does not allow for the mobility a small boat does, thereby practically eliminating light tackle fishing. The **Starship** will fish tuna everyday but Saturday on a reservation only basis; 6.9 and 9.0 reels can be rented on board. Porgy fishing at Nomans Land is RED HOT. Now is the time to come! High hook is 130 to 170 large and jumbo porgies, usually on one or two anchor drops. Larger cod have moved into Coxes Ledge, average size not 18 to 20 lbs. Over the weekend, a 41 lb. cod took the pool for Paul Douglas of Queens. A couple of dozen large pollock were also among the daily catch. Night bluefishing is outstanding with anglers crying for mercy after a few hours. Most nights the **Viking** is back to the dock by 1AM, loaded with blues.

Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. used whole and chunked herring on drifted Cartwright rigs for bluefish from 12 to 18 lbs. fishing Cartwright with

The Sica family with their catch of 18 weaks and 36 fluke taken during a recent charter at Montauk, aboard the "Vivienne."

Jeremy Levin and party on Saturday on the **Pronto**, Sunday's charter with Henry and Al Howard and Bob Doyle stopped after catching 10 bluefin tuna from 40 to 60 lbs. All tuna wewre caught at the Butterfish hole, using small whole butterfish for bait. Captai Mike is now booking tuna charters as well as bottom fishing charters—winter rates are in effect for bottom fishing.

Alice Bentivegna submitted this receipe for large blues; fillet and cut out dark meat, soak overnight in tomato juice flavored with lemon; rinse and place in greased baking pan. Sprinkle with unflavored bread crumbs and crusted saltine crackers. Add dry oregano, parsley, garlic, salt, pepper. Bake at 350 degrees until fork tender.

Captain Ron Grandenetti of the **Julie III** teamed up with Captain Bill Ricca, **Alysa Ann** and Gene from the Barbara Ann with Jim Boyay on Saturday. Their catch at Great Eastern included a load of porgies to 3½ lbs., 40 sea bass to 3 lbs. and 4 blackfish. On Sunday, Fred Johnson returned to Brooklyn loaded with porgies from 1½ lbs. to 4 lbs., again fishing Great Eastern on the **Julie III.**

One of the few giant tuna caught last week was taken on the **Adios** on Tuesday with Henry Martilla Jr. and Sr. and John Pesso of Hauppauge who teamed up to land a 653 lb. bluefin. The rest of the week was devoted to school bluefin some up to 90 to 100 lbs. Wednesday's charter

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led by Andrew Levy was strictly for fun, with all the tuna released. Captain Phil Lewis has a few open tuna dates available next week. Inquire about split tuna charters. All tackle and rods will be provided free.

Matt Billerman of Riverhead and Dave Tunnell of Philadelphia fished with Capt. Al Ristori on the **Sheri Berry** on Sunday, having fun with school tuna. The pair kept only gut-hooked fish, tagging and releasing over 17 football tuna. Captain Ristori has been doing well on school tuna, reaching his boat limit nearly every trip.

Captain Joe McBride remarked about the slowness of shark fishing on Saturday. However, a bluefish trip with Dr. Deschamps and his family from Glen Cove resulted in a super bluefish catch at Shagwong on Sunday on the **My Mate**. Captain McBride is now booking October bass trips. Call him for dates and reservations.

Jim Grubb fished his first tuna trip on his 21 ft. mako, **My Toy II** with Doug MacVitti on Saturday. The pair caught two bluefin tuna, 100 and 75 lbs. and 18 lb. false albacore with many smaller bluefin which were released. Jim, who keeps his boat at the **Star Island Yacht Club**, anchored alongside the **Lori-Jay** who boated 5 bluefin to 75 lbs. and at least 60 bluefish with a few false albacore. Jim reported witnessing several "screaming runoffs" but the fish could not be stopped.

Flounder have come into the picture. Dick Steffins of Lake Ronkonkoma fished at Shagwong for flounder of 2½ lbs. according to Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina**. George McGlouglin and his crew from Goshen, NY caught 34 blues at Cartwright, top weight 16 lbs., then tried an hour of flounder fishing at can #3 at the Point. Twelve flounders to 3 lbs. along with

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some blowfish were caught in eight feet of water! Frank Savage of Bayville, NY and his friends on "Mimi" fished with smelts and squid in 60 feet of water on Montauks south side catching 20 fluke to 10 lbs. on Sunday. On their first time tuna fishing on marina boat, Dad's Dream, Fluke Hunter, and the Blue Lady they had their first taste of Butterfish Hole tuna fishing.

Anglers at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** are cashing in on the blues close in, mixed with bonita and albacore. Porgy action picked up a bit, with some of the fish jumbo size. Flounder are a solid standby in windy weather. Fluke sharpies, such as Elliott Feder, continue to find doormats to 10 lbs. fishing off the Radar Tower.

SOUTH FORK

Because his two blackfish trips last week produced so well, Captain Artie Lach has gone into full time blackfishing. Although most fish are in the 2-5 lb. range, Pete Kilanowski took the pool with an 8 lb. fish, heaviest of 26 that he caught on the **Wilhelric**. Capt. Lach is fishing deep water in the Sound and finding plenty of sea bass and porgies mixed with the blacks.

Helen of **Noyac Marina** told me of a boatload of porgies caught by a trio on one of her rental boats fishing in the vicinity of South Ferry. Using one flat of sand worms, Vasiliof and Skamnias Ioannis with Pilarinos Kostas of Astoria caught 800 porgies, overflowing their buckets and coolers onto the deck. Another rental boat returned with over 400 on the same day, Sunday. Fluke and weakfish are still holding in Noyac in the area between the Monestary and Long Beach, in deep water.

At **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, Thom Speckenback reports that bluefish are all over the east end, off Gardiner's, and the north rips. Although a bit picky, fluke were taken off Promised Land over the weekend. In general, the Peconics hold the usual Fall porgy activity. Thom suggests trying for sea bass mixed with blackfish in the Shinnecock Inlet. Fluke and weaks have been caught at Heady Creek. Flounders are building in the Basket, looks like a good Fall season coming up. In the ocean, blues are pretty reliable at the sea buoy. Offshore reports of a couple of makos caught in 180 and 150 feet of water in mid week.

Captain Don Van DeWalter fished the Montauk Butterfish Hole on Wednesday with Kenny Sorensen of New Jersey (five football tuna from 30-50 lbs.) and again Thursday with Aldro Andreoli and Jim Corbin (9 football tuna) on the **Dutch Treat**. On Saturday, a 75 lb. mako came into the chum slick on a shark charter with Larry DeSandis, was practically hand baited, provided good action.

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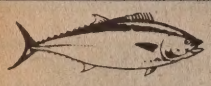
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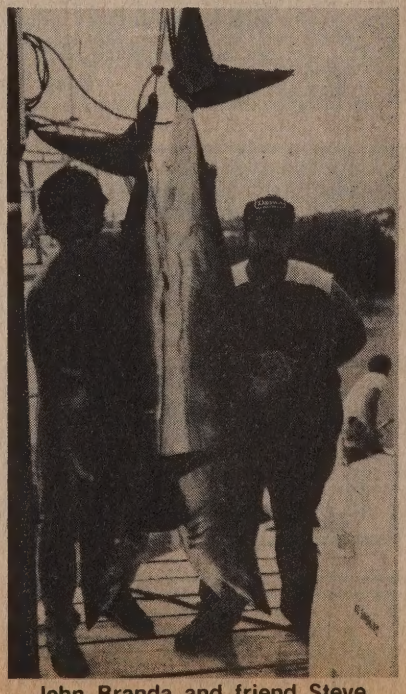

John Branda and friend Steve with a pair of big makos caught aboard the Seaford open boat, "3 Sea-Sons."

porgies on the Shinnecock wrecks. Anglers have also caught several flounder to three pounds and pollock to 7 lbs. on these trips on the **Jenny Rose**. The Peconic Bay holds lots of porgies and snappers. On Sunday, 60 blackfish to 2½ pounds were brought over the rail. Capt. Malone feels that since it is rather early for blackfish, this catch indicates a fantastic Fall blackfish season coming up.

Jim at **Altenkirch and Son** reports plenty of bluefish around. Fluke, mostly keepers were caught in Shinnecock Inlet over the weekend, making it worth trying. The Basket flounders are generally in the one pound range. Lots of snappers remain in the Canal, however, good catches of sea bass were made in the Canal over the weekend, sand worms were best bait.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The fishing picture in this area is beginning to reveal the change in seasons with blackfish beginning to steal most of the attention of sinker bouncers. Flounder are beginning to pick up the slack being left by a fading fluke fishery although decent numbers of the summer flatties are still located at the inlets.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Flounder from ¾ to 1½ pounds with some throwbacks mixed in are beginning to take over from the fluke according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. In recent days, there have been some good flounder scores made on the flats of Hart's Cove and also south of Buoy 33. Worms and mussel chum accounted for catches of 25-40 flatties per boat with the best action being found three hours before or three hours after high water slack. Still lots of nice snappers around and some fluke if you are willing to work for them.

Over at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** they spoke of poor fluking on Sunday but primarily as a result of strong winds. There were some decent fluke scores made late last week with one boat returning with 14 nice keepers and another taking 20. Best bet remains the Elbow and the West Cut. Flounder are on the upswing with some of the better scores being made at buoy 32 on worms. Private boats have been doing a good job on blackfish at the inlet jet-

ties and blues are outside the inlet for trollers and jiggers.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello had nothing but good words for the blackfishing currently underway at the Kismet Reef. Green crabs are accounting for fish up to 6 pounds and sea bass up to 2 pounds are mixed with the blacks. To the east there is good action with blacks to 5 pounds next to the west jetty of Moriches Inlet. Flounder action has been picking up with some decent catches reported near the Smith Point Bridge and also from the Sore Thumb Pocket. No news on fluke or weaks this weekend but both should still be available with less wind. The local docks are beginning to produce some flounder and snappers, though big, are beginning to fade. There are still plenty of blues along the ocean beaches. Chuck Mara, Richie Emma and Frank Aragona trolled umbrella rigs in 40 feet of water south of Davis Park on Saturday. They put away over 50 choppers in the 5-8 pound class.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** did have some reports of decent fluke catches made just outside the inlet at the Bell Buoy and also some fish back at the big bridge. Keepers now outnumber the shorts in the inlet area. Sunday was a poor day for fluking but most people blamed it on poor wind and tide conditions. Flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb has been picking up steam with some good catches of ½ to 1 pound fish made there this week. Two to four pound weakfish were still off of Browns River as recently as last Thursday and there has been a nice mixed bag of porgies, blowfish and kingfish off of Sayville and in West Channel. Blackfishing on the Kismet Reef and the Oak Beach Barge has been top notch. For freshwater fans, some nice sea run trout had begun to show in the early morning hours at Bubbles and Rattles.

Super blackfishing at Kismet Reef, Sore Thumb and the R.M. Bridge on incoming water, according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Fluke are still around with one customer showing a dozen keepers to 3 pounds on Wednesday. There's decent flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb Pocket on outgoing water and good porgy fishing in West Channel for those who chum with clam or bunker and use worms. Trollers and jiggers are taking some blues in the 5-8 pound class from the Lighthouse to Cherry Grove but no news from any further off the beach. Still lots of snappers, and they are big, being taken. One customer used snapper chunks to take some 2-3 pound weaks off of the Bay Shore Marina dock on Saturday. Carl sampled Montauk's hot tuna fishing one day last week.

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Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** said that daytime bluefish action has been hot and cold. Friday was red hot with plenty of big blues taken over a favorite wreck. The biggest tipped the scales at 19, 19.1, 19.2 and 19.9 pounds. Night trips range from excellent to super with most of the fishing being done at Patchogue for blues in the 8-15 pound range. The boat's Bluefish Derby purse is now in excess of $800.

Aboard the **Capt. Joseph II**, Capt. Charlie Kennedy has been doing a bang up job on porgies, sea bass and blackfish atop the Fire Island Reef and selected wrecks. Saturday was a very good day with the boat accounting for loads of porgies in the ½ to 3 pound range and plenty of sea bass in the ½ to 3 pound range. A by catch of 150 blacks to 4 pounds rounded out the days score. Sunday was good but not as good as Saturday due to strong tides created by the new moon.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** has also been enjoying excellent bottom action atop the Fire Island Ocean Reef. He spoke of lots of sea bass from ¾ to 4 pounds dominating catches but there are good numbers of big porgies and a few blackfish mixed in as well. Back to last Monday, a regular by the name of Louie from West Islip walked off the boat with 4 five-gallon buckets full

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of sea bass, porgies and blacks. Catches of 15-25 fish per man are closer to normal. Sunday's fishing was off due to strong tides and a big heave. Carl reminded that the boat sails 7AM daily.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VI** spoke of super bluefishing over an offshore wreck on Sunday. Mike Califano bagged 45 choppers from 8-18 pounds while a trio of brothers from the Escabar family nailed over a hundred big blues. They also had 13 false albacore in the 8-12 pound class. Saturday's fishing started off tough in the morning but some very good fishing during the afternoon bailed out the trip. Night action has been excellent.

Speaking from **The Store** at **Oak Beach**, Jimmy O'Neill reported that shorecasters are catching good numbers of fluke from along Oak Beach on both the inlet and State Channel sides. Some blacks also being taken near the Oak Beach rock piles but many are throwbacks. Still lots of snappers off the dock in front of the store.

Bill Stramenzzi of **Augie's Tackle** in **Babylon** reported on the results of this weekend's Babylon Tuna Club Blackfish Contest. Bill told of weighing many fish over 4 pounds taken from the Kismet Reef. Winning fish was an 8.7 pounder taken by Frank Losasso. Second place was nailed down by Bruce Morabito with a

Dennis Delay landed this 33 lb. striper near the Atlantic Beach Bridge. It was checked in at Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

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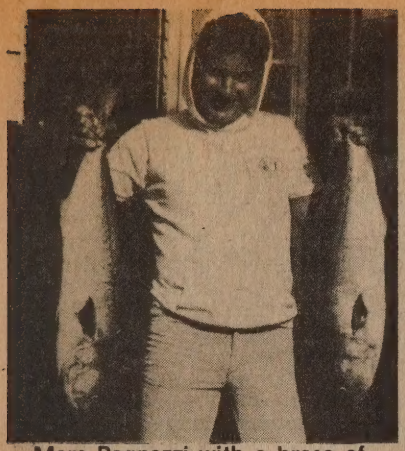

Marc Pagnozzi with a brace of 10 lb. blues, two of the many he and his dad Dom decked during a trip aboard the Freeport based, "Starstream II."

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6.5 pounder and close on his heels in third place with a 6.4 pounder was Ronnie Shimborski. Bill was also the only source of any real offshore news. Joe Carrione of the Angel Jean spent Saturday at the Canyon and returned with 8 big eye tuna. There were some tuna to 60 pounds taken on chum and butterfish in the vicinty of the HA Buoy late last week and on Saturday. Fluke are still being picked at the inlet and blues seemed to scatter for boatmen this week with the best bet being to the east in 40-60 feet of water between Patchogue and Cherry Grove. The biggest kind of snappers are being taken at the Babylon Village Dock.

Another report of excellent blackfishing on the Kismet reef was filed by Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Mike added that there were still plenty of fluke in the bay and inlet right up into the weekend. Interest in the fluke is beginning to wane however with customers beginning to concentrate on other bottom species. On Saturday, one customer showed a catch of 35 nice flounder to 1¼ pounds taken with a mess of porgies in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Also on Saturday, Robert and Muriel Mountford took 20 flounder, 35 porgies and an 11 pound weak from the same area. A few big weaks in the 8-12 pound class are being taken on live bait and red Jellyworms at the WR buoy and the Lighthouse. Best bet for blues is at Patchogue and there are good numbers of false albacore mixed with them. Jigs and bait take the blues while fresh spearing is the key to catching the albies. The size of crabs in the area has improved with catches of 6-8 big blue claws now the norm for those using traps.

Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** reported a load of 3-5 pound blues for the Roy Matorana party on Saturday. They trolled umbrellas and used jigs in 50' of water between Cherry Grove and Moriches.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo recorded a 620 pound giant tuna for Capt. Bill Miller's Gannet on Tuesday. It was taken at the Mud Hole. Some big weaks being taken on live snappers at the WR Buoy with Glen Rankin clicking with a 13 pounder on Friday. Some nice fluke still coming from the Sore Thumb area on live snappers and decent flounder action on worms in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Blackfishing at Kismet is excellent and there are fish on the Rota Wreck as well. Bill Biscardi kept eight from 4 to 8 pounds and released many smaller ones on Saturday. There are lots of nice porgies mixed with some small sea bass at the WR Buoy and cocktail blue sized snappers taking killies from the Venice Marine Dock.

From **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale of **Bob's Tackle** said that while fluking is tailing off a bit they are still being caught in the State Channel at Willow Point. Flounder action is on the rise with catches of up to 40 fish per boat made at the Sore Thumb and in the State Channel at Tobay and Cedar Beach. Some big blowfish are mixed with the flatties at the State Channel. Blackfishing is very good on all the reefs and bridges with green crabs accounting for many 3-6 pound tautogs. On Friday, the Jackson Family of Wyandanch loaded up with blackfish to 6½ pounds on the Kismet Reef. There is also a good mix of porgies and sea bass with the blacks. The Ogawa party loaded up with a mixed bag dominated by porgies aboard the Babylon charter boat **Tilichi** on Saturday. Ron Link of the Sea Deuce nailed a 7' long mako on Saturday fishing in 138' of water SE of Fire Island Inlet. On Thursday, Jimmy Sohl checked in with over 50 blue claws and a big catch of snappers made at Tanner Park.

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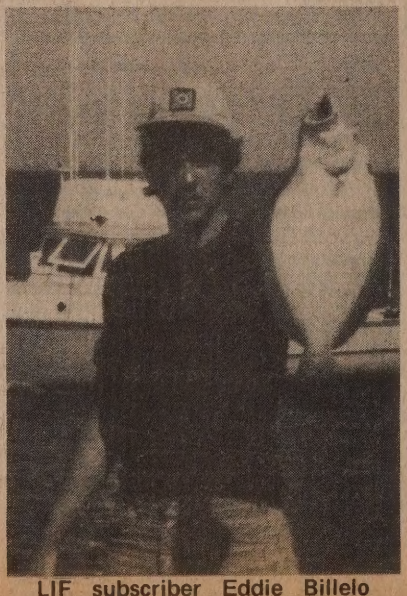

LIF subscriber Eddie Billelo with a 3 lb. fluke taken at Gardiner's Island aboard the Billy B.

Frank told of very good blackfishing on green crabs at Kismet. Outside the inlet, there are blues at the Bell Buoy and there was some good big eye action at the Canyon. The western Mud Hole has had its innings with big tuna. Capt. Frank Signorelli of the **Seaford** charter boat **3 Sea Sons** took a 300 pound class fish on Wednesday. Same day, Mike Jacobs, Lou D'Angelo and Mark Deblasio battled a fish for over 2½ hours before dropping it at the boat. It was estimated to be in the 750-900 pound class. Fresh bunker and butterfish are the key to this fishing.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Blues, fluke and flounder appear to be the main items of successful angling this week. Tuna appears to have dropped several notches, especially over the weekend. Mixed bags inside the bays of flounder, fluke, blackfish, sea bass, porgies and a sprinkling of blowfish have been filling out bags on the inside.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We learn from **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** in Seaford that Joe and Dave a couple of regulars from Elmont totaled 16 keeper fluke plus 5 throwbacks fishing between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges. One hundred thirty-five flounder was the score for Cliffy on Sunday using as hook bait worms and thinly sliced squid strips. This was at Four Corners without chum on outgoing, fish averaging 3/4 lbs. BCCs in decent numbers off the town dock and in the canals. Mixed sea bass and porgies scattered around the bridges on worms, clam and squid and plenty of blackfish at the Wantagh bridges, mostly small with a few decent fish mixed in.

From Captain Brian's **Chinco III** comes word that the floundering continues strong. On Tuesday, Fred Passaro had 53 nice flounder, plus a by-catch of sea bass and blowfish. Similar catches were made all week. The weekend's half day trips were also good advised Brian. Saturday saw Jim Callahan with 36 good flatties. Although both tides are producing, the AM tides have been best, with worms that preferred bait.

We learned from **Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle** that his customers have still been having good bay fluking with more keepers now. Best action

has been Sloop Channel west to Jones Inlet and in Haunts Creek. Big snappers are roving all around the canals and bay with Florence Beach and the first Wantagh area known hotspots. Blackfishing has been excellent at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges and the Big M, while some stripers have been taken this week at the bridges on cut bunker or cut mackerel with bass going into the high teens. This has been an evening through morning operation. Flounder starting but small in the deep areas at the mouth of Zachs Bay and at the bridges along with small sea bass and porgies. A real mixed bag.

From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore, Scott told about the flounder fishing having started in Swift Creek off the houses and off the Short Beach Coast Guard station and the high flats drain area. Chumming is a big help, he advised. Another good item Scott knew of was the blackfish catches at most of the local bridges on fiddlers.

As for the Freeport action, a call from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of very good flounder fishing all week with the full day boat having high hooks from 50 to 70 good flatties. Wednesday saw Pat Perillo and his son-in-law with 142. On Thursday Don and Muriel Baglevy totalled 130 flounder and on Friday Herb Schwarz had 56. On the half day boat, Monday saw Joe Malone with 35 while 45 was the score Tuesday for Brian of Dealers Inn, Huntington. Reuben and Naomi settled for 61 flounder while on Thursday Pearl, a regular had 40 and on Friday regular Marty from the Bronx put away 37 good flounder. Saturday John Makarski smiled with his 30 fish.

Captain Sy Karlin's **Blue Fin Fleet** bluefished all week long, having excellent catches all week long. Daytime the two boats worked along the beaches, getting 2 to 5 lbers. with high hooks 35 to 40 blues almost every trip. Three big catchers of the week were Jack Conway, Rich Silver and John Littler. Nights are producing bruiser size blues on bait and chum up to 18 lbs. with fishing farther offshore. Reservation only tuna trips will be starting in October. See ad for details.

From Captain Richie Kessinger of the **StarStream II** came word of excellent bluefishing Friday fishing Cholera with blues up to 15 lbs. Friday's night trip had excellent catches also in the same area. Saturday's blues were smaller but all you wanted to the tune of 40 to 50 per man on diamonds. Saturday's night trip was classified as okay by the skipper but Sunday was a little tougher with the moon tide and tons of private boat traffic.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** it was wall to wall bluefish trips with jigs employed during the day along with bait and chum, while it was just bait and chum at night. Catches ranged from fair to excellent with fish from 1½ to 18 lbs. The bigger fish wanted the chunk bait, while the smaller fish climbed on the jigs. Wednesday's trip was for Bob

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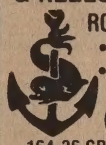
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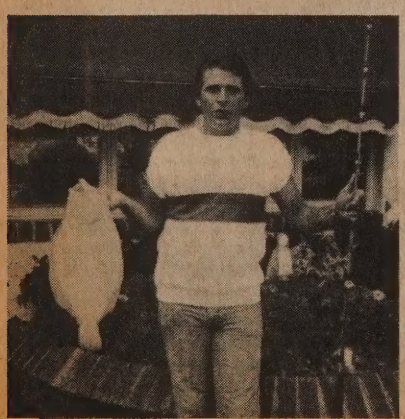
Demunda and party, Thursday's triop was for John Adams Life Insurance Company. Friday's trip was for the Joe Stasiak group from Bklyn, while Friday night the boat sailed the Dave Cohen group. Saturday's trip was for Forest Park Inn Fishing Club, while the night trip was for NY Telephone and Sunday action was for the Steve Mondello group.

From the charter boat **Nan-Sea** we learned of Sunday's charter for Dan Romanelli and party fishing around the Texas Tower area, loading up on bluefin tuna in the 40 lb. class, albies and skipjack. Most fish were taken on Striker Mean Machines.

The word from Captain Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** was that super slaughter bluefishing was had Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. Susan the barmaid had 45 blues on Tuesday. Wednesday was a little tough due to conditions. Thursday improved considerably with those working hard at it at the rail catching. Friday bounced back to normal and again Saturday was a super leap job with nearly 2000 fish caught by the end of the day and a pile left behind for the mates. Sunday by 10:30 AM roughly 300 fish were put away and blues were again bailed in the late afternoon. A few weakfish are mixed in and blues are running 1 to 4 lbs.

Dockmaster Bob of the **Freeport Boatmens Association** passed the word that the **Super Spray Ii** has been enjoying excellent sea bass catches with blackfish catches building on offshore wrecks and rocks with the boat's night bluefish trips also scoring very well at Cholera, 17, Middle gRounds and Angler Banks. The association's charter fleet has been sailing mostly bluefish day and night with good solid catches on nearly every trip. Saturday on the Barbara Ann a 13 lb. 1 oz. blue was fought and played for 1 hr. and 6 mins. on 4 lb. test by Dr. John Polumbo. The boat fished tuna Sunday, taking 10 bft and yft up to 80 lbs. on plastic and feathers.

In nearby Point Lookout, a call from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout**



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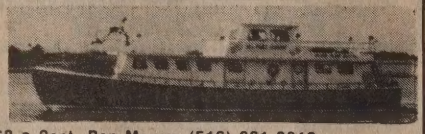

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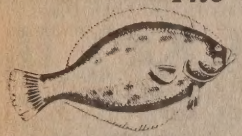

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told of decent flounder fishing all week. On Wednesday Eric Olsen and friend Tom had 27 flatties while Drew Heitner sailed the AM and PM trip totalling 35 flounder, 14 fluke, 20 porgies and the pool fish. On Saturday Ace of College Point took the pool and Mike DelSamo was high hook with 23 flounder. Karen, a regular grabbed the pool Sunday morning while Art Hunstein bailed 40 good flounder and Joe Sopias had to be content with only 49.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** told of Tuesday's trip for the Coca Cola Co., having super bluefishing from Playland to Rockaway, fish 1 to 3 lbs. The pool was a 5 lb. weak for Mark West with runner up being a 4½ lb. weak for Phil Shiff. This was all on diamonds. Saturday's bay trip for the Bernadette Klein group worked the big M, Reynolds and Long Creek for a mixed bag of sea bass to 1½ lbs., flounder to 1 lbs, fluke to 3 lbs. and a mixture of porgies, blows and blacks on worm and clam. Saturday night saw a slow pick of large blues to 18 lbs. for a town of Hempstead group. Sunday was a replay of Saturday's bay trip, only with different people, catches averaging 15 to 20 mixed fish a man.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** said the best catches for their rental skiffs this week was the solid catches of blackfish in the Swift Creek and Loop Bridge areas and also at the Big M. Fluke have been very good in deeper water, around the Big M, off the CG station and in the inlet. Flounder are increasing daily in numbers though

Atlantis Anglers Club member Blanche Goodman shows the 5 lb. 9 oz. fluke she caught while drifting off of Rockaway's Playland.

they are still on the smallish side, while sea bass, a few weaks and porgies are being taken at the Big M. Lots of snappers around. Ben Peebles and Jim Cunningham packed away 120 blackfish Sunday working the Big M with fiddlers. A 16¼ lb. blue was taken by Kevin Dierlam, Atlantic Beach in Reynolds Channel on a drifted bunker chunk on an incoming tide.

Word from the **Captain Bill**, fishing two a day flounder, was of regular Arty on Monday along with pal Scott, both of Maspeth with 90 good flounder. Tuesday saw Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury with 57. On Wednesday Skip Nannengkamp, of Amityville, smiled with 52 fish while on Thursday, Spencer Thomas of Freeport was content with 41 in the morning and 43 in the afternoon. Friday saw Mitche Appei of Amityville with 40 and on Saturday Jack Clancy of Rockville Centre had 38. Morning tides were the best on the weekend.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** came word that their rental skiffs had very decent fluking Friday through Sunday throughout Reynolds. Floundering has started with best catches out of Swift Creek on worms and chum, while the blackfishing has been excellent at the Big M on fiddlers. Two bigeye tuna and 2 yellowfin tuna, all in the 100 lb. class were taken Saturday at the Mud Hole by Mal Fraser and Jim Woods.

From Captain Clem of the **Commodore** out of Island Park came word of fantastic fluking right through Sunday. Friday was a real leap job with catches of 20 to 40 good keepers a man. Frank and Marilyn Herskowitz had roughly 100 keepers while Tom the Painter settled for 60 keeper fluke. The skipper said that the boat must have had 750 keeper fluke on

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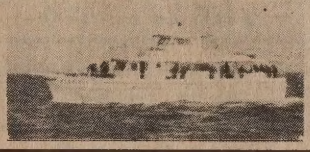

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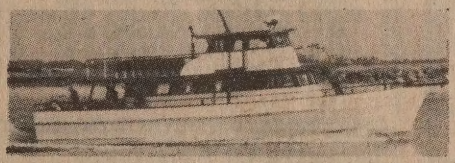

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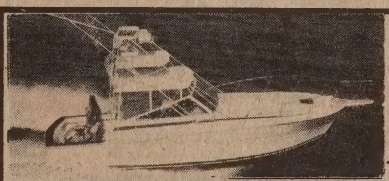

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Saturday. Action has been off Riis, Playland and Jones and Debs Inlets. The majority of the fish brought up are keepers now and the skipper said there are still plenty in the bays yet to move out. Sunday's pool fish weighed in at 8 lbs. Thursday was the slowest day with catches averaging 10 a man. Slow? Clem estimates 2500 keeper fluke for the week. He sees roughly three more weeks of good fluking if the weather holds. Please note the boat is sailing daily except Monday and Tuesday.

From Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook came word of plenty of fluke from the west end of Reynolds to E. Rockaway Inlet into the ocean and off the Rockaways. Fish are mostly keepers now and there are good numbers of mini-mats. Private boats are taking them at the rate of 40 to 70 keepers per boat per trip. Excellent blackfishing at the bridge, wrecks and jetties on fiddler and green crab while big snappers are roving around in excellent numbers with the biggest being caught in Reynolds.

The word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of a good week of blackfishing, fluking and floundering. Excellent blackfish at the ABB, gong buoy, and 28th Street wreck on fiddlers with numbers and sizes increasing steadily. Flounder continue their early fall showing with best areas having been Cement block and south of buoy 1 with chumming being very important. Excellent fluking at Debs Inlet and off the Rockaways, fish up to 6 lbs. all week long. Large weaks and blues being caught on bunker chunks under the bunker schools in Reynolds. Anthony Cuchinell and Tucker Williams, both age 10, each had 8 lb. stripers which they bucktailed at the ABB. On Friday, Nick Savene, Frank Cullington and John Stein in John's 20 ft. Mako and

Daisy Kerr shows the big black she caught during a recent trip aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

Nick on the rod for 2 hours had a 577 lb. giant tuna at the Mud Hole on fresh butterfish.

We learn from Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** that it's almost all keeper fluke at Debs Inlet buoys 7 through 9 Friday, Saturday and Sunday and also in 25 to 30 ft. of water off Playland. Plenty of blackfish at the ABB from 1 to 2 lbs. on fiddlers. Silver Point jetty and the Beach 9th Street jetty in Far Rockaway also are holding lots of blacks. Blues are being diamond jigged in 35 to 40 ft. of water as well as being umbrellaed from Playland to Riis Park, in the cocktail size.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Good fluking from the ABB to Riis Park was the main news out of **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in E. Rockaway with flounder reported as still spotty. Plenty of small blackfish at the bridges and lots of cocktail blues on diamonds and umbrellas off Playland in 25 ft. of water. Excellent snapper action in Bay Park with Bccs in better numbers and larger in E. Rockaway channel. Also mixed sea bass and porgies in the bay.

In the Sheepshead Bay area, Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** told of excellent bluefishing at Seabright to 18 lbers. falling for chum and butterfish daytime, with this fishing consistent. Fluking still good said Charlie with the boat running just short distances. Mixed catches of porgies, black and sea bass have been good for the party boats fishing wrecks, rocks and reefs. Good striped bass catches in the early mornings on blue or black back Rebels off the jetties. Atom plugs are producing blues in the surf. Bluefin tuna catches have been excellent on some of the boats making trips for them, fish up to 175 lbs. An 18 lb. blue took the pool for George Fitzroy of Brooklyn fishing on the Helen H. Snappers have been good in the bay and there are some porgies to be had.

John Sorokin and Ed Zelinski returned to Scotty's Fishing Station in Point Lookout with this 9½ lb. fluke. The big doormat was taken in Reynolds Channel on a live killie.

From Skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III**, we learned that the boat has been having very very good local bluefishing. All the fish you want said Al, up to 70 fish per man. Fish have been on the small side but running into the high teens on occasion. On Thursday, the boat sailed one of its special VOLCANO TRIPS. Twenty-one bluefin tuna from 100 to 200 lbs. were taken plus all the albies fares could handle plus a load of 10 to 50 lb. yellow and bluefin tuna. This was in the area of the Bacardi wreck and there were loads of shark in the area also, all kinds. As Al puts it, "the volcano exploded."

From Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** came word of very very good fluking i the lower bay and Riis Park area, fish 1½ to 8 lbs. Saturdays pool went to Jim Morrissey with a 7½ lber. while on Sunday Tom Wilson took pool honors with a 7 pounder. It appears to be quantity and quality now. Butch said the crowds are light and catches are heavy. What could be better.

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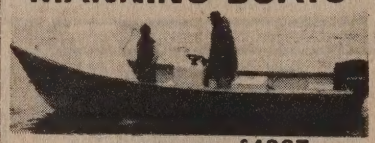

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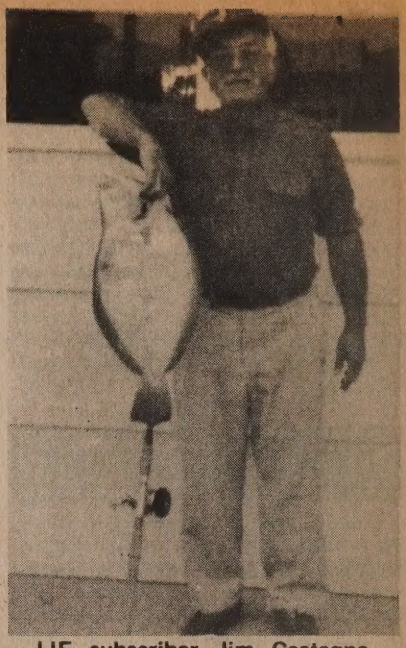

LIF subscriber Jim Castagna earned a Skillful Angling Award for this 6½ lb. fluke he landed aboard the Greenport based, "Blue Albatross."

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

A week of splendid weather gave the impetus to much fishing action on both summer and autumn species. You name it, we had it last weekend, and good catches seemed to be the rule except where bait was in short supply.

WESTERN SOUND

Jim DeCuffa at **Jacks Bait** on **City Island** said that Orchard Beach had tautog and bluefish with the Middle Reef also noted for the latter. A lot of trophies hit the scales last week, too. Walter Pollack reported a 17.6 bass from a rental skiff while blues in the 16-19 pound range were hauled by Augusto D'Agostina and Cosmo Sette. Pat Cosslett and Jack Kincade on **Shortys Revenge** had a pair of 20 pound gorillas plus one 24 alligator off Manhasset on live bunker.

The **Klondike VIII** has reverted to 8 o'clock sailing hours and has been scoring on jigs all week. Mornings tend to be slower, but there are big fish to 15 pounds in the afternoons off the Stanford and Stratford Reefs.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** out of **City Island** has enjoyed "pretty good but not fantastic" action on porgies

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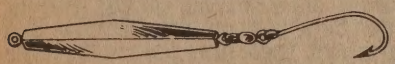

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on the 55 foot reefs near Eatons. Blackfish are showing on the reefs as well, and numbers are increasing.

Blues are moving through the Glen Cove area, according to John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**. The Navy Dock, Prospect, Maxwells, and the barges are good spots to consider. Everett Johnson and Artie Miller celebrated Everett's return to bassing by nailing 4 linesiders between 18 and 21 pounds Thursday, then took a 21.7 gorilla Friday morning. Catches of 4-28 tautog are coming from the shorelines on green crabs with sizes ranging from rats to 8 pounders.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** told us that Ron Silverman weighed, photographed, then released a 20 pound bluefish and that Northport Bay had produced some large weakfish on high-hook worms. Walter Sturm and his daughter had fish to 13 pounds. Everybody was into fluking with 4 keepers per day from south of Sand City the norm and one catch of 12 keepers in this week's notes from George Valentine at **Four Winds**. Also mentioned by Valentine was a group of slammer blues to 17.10 taken off Target Rock by Eric Lederman and Phil Curcio. The largest porgies ran 1½ pounds near Buoy 11B and some tautog were reported there as well. Mike Foresta and Bobby Beck accounted for bass of 15.8 and 16.7 on

worms.

The **Ever Ready** was still jigging for big crowds off Buoy 11B and 24C as well with blues in the 3-8 pound range.

The **Greenlawn Sport Shop** noted one 30 pound bass among all the reports of local shorts. Blackfish around Eatons and the Lighthouse ran from rats to 5-6 pounds with porgies in catches, too. A load of bunker wound up on the Northport harbor beaches, probably driven there by marauding bluefish.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that porgies were still the big feature in mixed sizes near the lighthouse. Bluefish in 3-5 pound sizes were plentiful from the inlet to the west side of the shoal.

Tom at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told us that there were a lot of 3 pound blackfish on the beach around Wildwood on Sunday and that bass on the beaches were all shorts. Stan produced a 17½ pound slammer from the Iron Pier area on 12 pound gear, while chunkers were scoring locally on 6-8 pound blues at night.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralphs Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** said that there were still lots of fluke around with some catches to 9 summer flounder and that porgy schools could be found anywhere from the shore out to 60 feet of water.

NORTH FORK

Phil Loria at **Captain Martys** in **New Suffolk** enjoyed one of the best fishing weekends of the year with hundreds of scup coming from the South Race in 1-1¼ pound sizes and many smaller porgies around Nassau Point. Catches to 21 summer weakfish to 2½ pounds were still coming from Roses Grove on the afternoon outgoing, and there were fluke to 18 inches there as well. Unfortunately this will all come to an end on October 1st when the Peconics open for commercial draggers.

Ed Kopack at **Warrens** in **Aquebogue** reported a huge catch of porgies for George Simmons between Buoy 22 and 25 with somewhat smaller numbers in the leap jobs on the Sound. Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** told us that the overwhelming numbers of porgies are eating baits meant for tautog, and she expects at least another week of excellent scup fishing in 30-35 feet of water east of the inlet.

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** reported 3-4 pound blackfish plus one 8 pounder off the pipeline on hermits with 3-4 pound bluefish still abundant around Buoy 5.

The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** spoke of porgies around South Ferry and on both side of Jessups with Greenlawn producing blackfish. Flounder were available and building on both sides of Orient Point. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** was just about the only local who did not run out of bait last weekend for record crowds. He saw fine fishing on all fronts with the best catches still bluefish in Pigeon Rip and the Race. Weighed and duly recorded were "odds and ends" like 7 pound tautog and fluke and blues in the 8-10 class.

Porgies were on the move for the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star**. Larry Porter told us that fish off New London were in 60-120 feet of water with some very large fish over 3 pounds and some good bursts of action, but no "great numbers" yet.

Clark Bellows on the **Prime Time II** had a fine week with "all the flounder you wanted" plus good blackfishing on slack water. Fluke won the pools on Thursday and Friday, however.

John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** will be adding September 30th, Sunday as an open date (765-3101 for reservations). Big tides produced a slower weekend than anticipated, but flounder were plentiful, and, incredibly, some 24 fluke were taken on clam baits with no throwbacks.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The Long Island surf, and particularly its south shore beaches and inlets, continued to show signs of life this past week. Bluefish were apparently pretty easy to come by in a number of areas and a fair amount of stripers rewarded anglers who fished night tides or worked over pods of mullet by day. While the bulk of these stripers are shorts falling into the 18-22" size range, there is enough evidence to indicate that the past week saw a good sprinkling of 20-40 pound class stripers scattered along these same beaches.

Jetties along the Rockaways were well supplied with school bass early last week. Barry Howell used blue-backed Rebels and Rapalas to take 9 stripers to 6 pounds last Monday night. Returning Tuesday morning, he nailed 14 bass, 5 of which were keepers, and including one of 17½ pounds. The bigger fish was weighed at **Mike's Tackle Shop** in Sheepshead Bay.

Despite being old news at this point, a big striper taken at West End II by Clark Ganshaw is still derserving of mention. Clark sent along a photo of the 45" cow which he released, after whipping it on 8 pound test and a small baitcasting outfit. The big striper, which very likely nudged the 40 pound mark, was duped by a 5" Bomber (Long A) plug.

Jones Beach West End II and Parking Field 6 were not without their moments this past week. According to Scotty Smyth of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Joe Manzella nailed several blues to 10 pounds on bait, Friday night at West End II. Ray McQueen chose to work plugs, same place—same night, and found bass of 33 and 15 pounds. Scott also reported a 43 pound striper taken on a plug by Chris Cuffio Thursday night.

Small bass and blues were in the field 6 surf on Friday and Sunday. On Friday, Hank Sluszka told Mike Andreanni of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** that he beached bass of 22 and 23 inches, and a bluefish, on blue and white poppers. Another caster told Mike of seeing two 20 pound class stripers taken at Gilgo Saturday morning.

I had it from one reliable source that there were many school bass to 8 pounds taken at West End on Saturday. They ranged from 22" to 28" and were taken primarily on droppers. That brief flurry of big blues at Cedar Beach referred to in last weeks column amounted to just a few more big choppers to 16½ pounds taken on bait on Monday and Tuesday.

Bluefish in the 2-3 pound range provided casters at Robert Moses Field 4 with some fun on both Friday and Saturday. And the action is not confined to early morning or evening. Some of the better fishing occurred during late Monday and early afternoon. One caster described Saturday afternoons action as a "mini-blitz."

To the east, there was a good blitz of blues to 8 pounds along the F.I.N.S. property (west of Smith Point Park) on Friday. Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said 1-3 pound blues were mixed with 5-8 pound fish and were taking both poppers and tins. Paul also told of a good showing of short bass along the Moriches shore (east of Smith Point) this past week. Most were being taken on the usual array of swimming plugs (Rebels, Bombers, Hellcats and RedFins) and poppers. There have been some blues in and out along this beach also. In the bass department, Warren Deedy culled through the shorts to find an 11 pounder on Wednesday night. On Thursday night, Glen Gothman clicked with a 44.4 pound striper from the Shinnecock area.

Good bluefishing in the surf through Sagaponac and Bridgehampton as well as a few bass to 20 pounds on swimming plugs. This from Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor**. Wayne Galbraith, Chris VanDyke and Ronnie Remkus used Rebels and poppers to take a pile of blues at Sagaponac on Sunday afternoon.

Blues continued to provide consistent action from Amagansett to Hither Hills on the weekend. Most of the fish range from 4-6 pounds.

In **Montauk**, the usual September run of weaks has yet to develop up front. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** said that night action this week was limited to just a few small bass. Bluefish were "up front" from North Bar to the Light on Sunday evening and have been in and out along south side beaches on a daily basis.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:10	10:30	10:55	11:20	10:45	11:10	11:35	12:10	1:20	1:35	1:10	1:30	10:05	10:25	9/27
FRI.	11:00	11:25	11:45	12:10	11:40	12:10	—	12:30	2:10	2:25	2:00	2:20	10:50	11:15	9/28
SAT.	11:55	—	—	12:40	—	12:35	1:05	1:20	3:05	3:20	2:55	3:15	11:45	12:10	9/29
SUN.	12:15	12:50	1:05	1:35	1:05	1:35	2:05	2:20	4:10	4:25	3:50	4:10	—	12:40	9/30
MON.	1:15	1:45	2:10	2:35	2:05	2:30	3:05	3:25	5:30	5:50	4:55	5:15	1:10	1:45	10/1
TUES.	2:15	2:45	3:15	3:45	3:05	3:30	4:20	4:35	6:45	7:05	6:00	6:20	2:15	2:50	10/2
WED.	3:20	3:50	4:25	4:55	4:10	4:30	5:30	5:45	7:50	8:10	7:05	7:26	3:20	3:50	10/3
THURS.	4:30	4:50	5:30	5:55	5:15	5:35	6:35	6:45	8:45	9:10	8:05	8:25	4:20	4:50	10/4

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/27	6:52	6:49
FRI. 9/28	6:53	6:46
SAT. 9/29	6:54	6:45
SUN. 9/30	6:55	6:44
MON. 10/1	6:57	6:41
TUE. 10/2	6:58	6:40
WED. 10/3	6:59	6:39

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/27	9:45AM	8:26PM
FRI. 9/28	11:02AM	9:00PM
SAT. 9/29	12:16PM	9:41PM
SUN. 9/30	1:25PM	10:28PM
MON. 10/1	2:26PM	11:22PM
TUE. 10/2	3:19PM	—
WED. 10/3	4:01PM	12:21AM

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Sat.	9:15	**3:10**	9:50	**3:35**
Sun.	10:20	**4:05**	10:55	**4:40**
Mon.	11:30	**5:20**	11:55	**5:45**
Tues.	—	**6:10**	12:20	**6:40**
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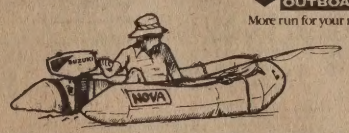

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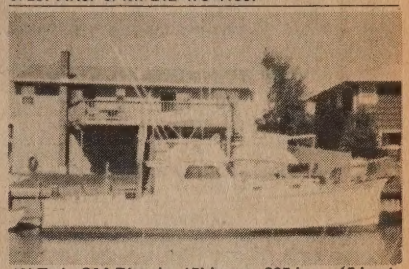

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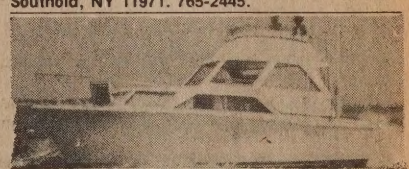

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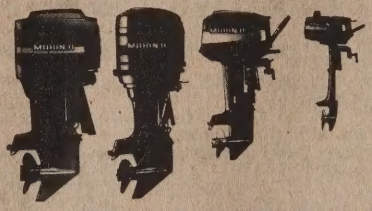

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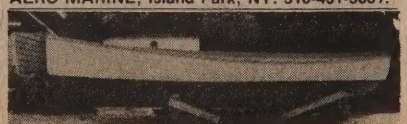

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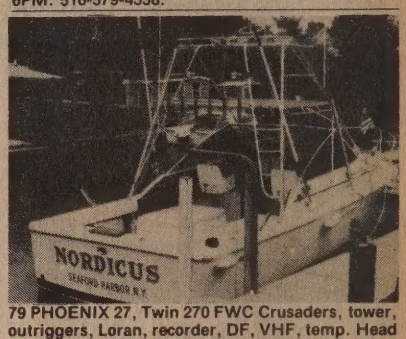

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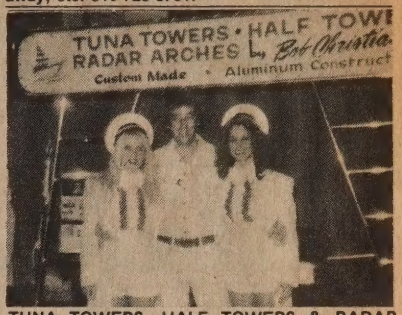

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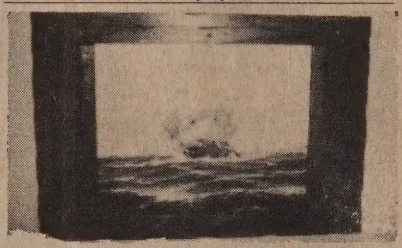

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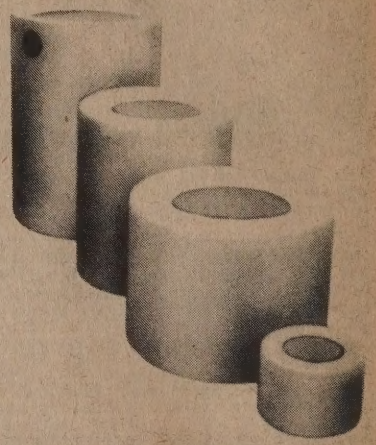

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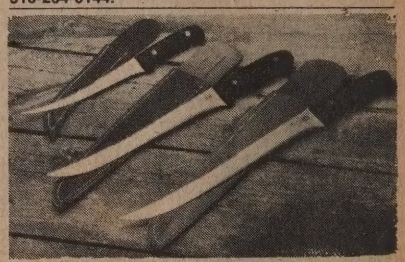

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